

This is a Story... of a People of God

St. Joseph's Parish
St. Joseph's School



St. Joseph's Church
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HOTEL MICHELANGELO
ROMA, ITALIA
October 22nd, 1967

It gives me the greatest pleasure to send greetings to the people of God in St. Joseph's Parish on the occasion of their Diamond Jubilee. Since the Second Vatican Council we have a new appreciation of the beautiful biblical expression "People of God" reminding us, as it does, of the bond that unites laity, religious and clergy alike in a single family. Yet this is not something new in St. Joseph's Parish. Indeed it is precisely this organic unity and the accompanying spirit of cooperation that have distinguished it over the sixty years of its existence.

The tangible results are obvious in the vigorous life of the parish and in its many visible achievements. Less obvious, yet more important, are the spiritual results best known to God alone.

To the Oblates of Mary Immaculate of St. Mary's Province I extend my warmest thanks for sharing so effectively with the Archbishops of Winnipeg the care of souls in St. Joseph's Parish. To the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception go likewise my thanks for the devoted and untiring apostolate they have exercised, especially in the field of teaching. And I wish finally to express to the laity my admiration and my heartfelt congratulations on this happy occasion. You are a shining example to all.

May God prosper the projects you are undertaking in connection with this Jubilee. It is my fervent prayer that He may bless each and everyone of you and that your contribution to the life of our city and our country and to that of the Church may be even more abundant in the future than in the past.

Devotedly yours in Christ,
✠ G. B. Flahiff, C.S.B.
Archbishop of Winnipeg



The People of God
St. Joseph's Parish
Winnipeg, Manitoba

It would be very difficult to pinpoint the exact date for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of St. Joseph's parish of Winnipeg. We do know however that German Catholic immigrants started coming into Winnipeg in the 1890's and that they have been coming, albeit intermittently, ever since.

What a story could be written on the hardships, trials, tears and joys, but especially on the accomplishments of these people and their Oblate missionaries! From 1898 when Father Albert Kulawy and his fellow Oblates began looking after the spiritual welfare of the people of St. Joseph's to this very day, we have been and are striving to continue these missionary labors.

The construction of St. Joseph's parish building began in 1904 and in 1906 Archbishop Langevin blessed the edifice. Today you are planning the construction of a new building-complex to replace the one that has served you so well for so many years. With God's help you will succeed, as did your pioneer predecessors, to produce a parish centre which will serve you and your priests in maintaining and deepening your Faith and the Faith of your children.

Our pioneers, battling often against tremendous odds, amid frequent discouragements and caught at times in stubborn depression, succeeded in keeping the Faith. Our present generation, challenged by its own particular problems and living amid the stresses and strains and the hopes and opportunities of the post Vatican II era, must also resolve to keep the Faith — "adding nothing, subtracting nothing" from its basic content. True, an updated Church needs updated apostolic means and structures and above all updated Catholics — but Catholics who, precisely because they are Catholics, will always be faithful to the teaching authority of the Church.

In congratulating you on this memorable occasion, may I also urge you and plead with you to remain close to Christ and Mary His Mother through your priests. Rest assured of the continued solicitude and devotedness of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate of St. Mary's Province for all the People of God of St. Joseph's parish.

Yours sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

Leo R. Engel, O.M.I.
Provincial Superior
Oblates of Mary Immaculate

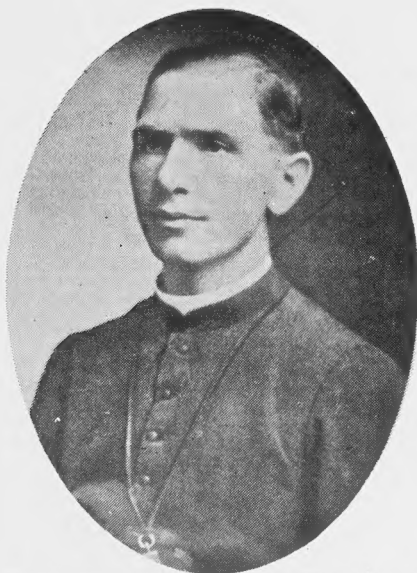


On this the 60th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Church & School, I extend on behalf of City Council and myself hearty congratulations.

Winnipeg is a City of many ethnic groups. The world could learn from our City and its citizens, the meaning of friendship and co-operation. Throughout its 60 years, the St. Joseph's Church and School has served the residents of the community, making it a better place in which to live. For this we are thankful.

I wish to express my personal good wishes and thanks for the work that is being done by St. Joseph's. Not only Canadians of German descent, but the entire community have benefitted by your achievements.

Stephen Juba
Mayor



Pastors of

FATHER JOSEPH CORDES, OMI

Father Joseph Cordes, OMI arrived in Winnipeg at the end of August, 1901. Father came from Balve, Westphalia, Germany. He studied at Lüttich and Ottawa where he was ordained in 1901. Residing at Holy Ghost Church he succeeded Father August Suffa, OMI in ministering to the German Catholics of Winnipeg. He is rightly termed the Founder of the Parish. He purchased one half block of land on College Ave. and Andrews St., on September 9, 1903 for the construction of the Church, School and Rectory. The parish was named after him. And he was its first appointed Pastor until 1909, when he was transferred to Winnipeg on September 11, 1903.



FATHER JOHANNES VAN GISTERN, OMI

Father Johannes Van Gistern was born on December 1, 1871 at Krefeld, Germany. He studied and was ordained at the Oblate seminary at Lüttich, Belgium, on July 9, 1899. Father came to Winnipeg on September 2, 1899. He was assistant at Kenora, Ont. for three months after which he became pastor of St. Charles Parish. During his time at St. Charles he was also Novice Master. After 3 years he was named pastor of Qu'Appelle, Sask., where he stayed for three years. In 1906 he was named Superior of St. Boniface Juniorate, and finally became pastor of St. Joseph's in April, 1910. He was Pastor at St. Joseph's for only four months when he died on July 30, 1910.

Before his death Father had received permission to return to Germany to visit his family. He had all arrangements made, even had his ticket bought. On the day of his death he received a letter from his sister in Germany saying how happy they were that he was coming home to see them.



FATHER PAUL HILLAND, OMI

Father Paul Hilland, OMI, was born January 5, 1875 at Pommern, Rheinland. He was ordained at Huenfeld, May 8, 1902 and arrived in Winnipeg on September 11, 1903.

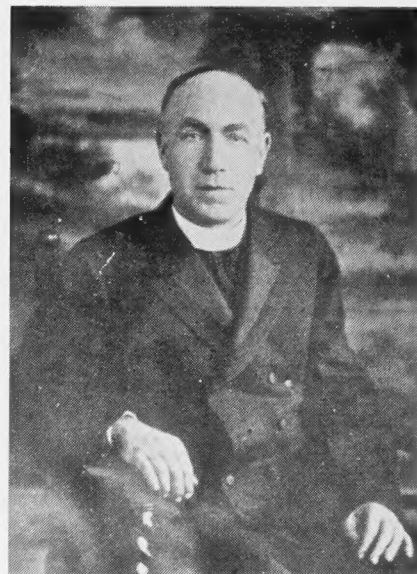
He was assistant to Father Cordes, OMI until 1910 when he became pastor. He is the Oblate who spent 23 years, that is more time than any other, at St. Joseph's. (Father Van Gistern had succeeded Father Cordes, but died a few months after in 1910).

He was short of stature, plump in his later years, and had a ready smile for everyone. He was a father to the many new-comers; something like Pope John, he loved people. Children and young people ran in and out of the rectory and he always made time to exchange jokes with them. Due to the shortage of priests he had to do the work alone, except for occasional assistance. Yet he promoted the Männer-Verein, the St. Elizabeth Society, the School and Young People's Clubs as well as the choir and drama. He left his mark on St. Joseph's, by giving it a family spirit, for which it was famous. Father was in the Parish until 1926 when he left for Saskatchewan.

St. Joseph's

FATHER JOSEPH RIEDINGER, OMI

Like many of his Oblate confreres from Germany, Father Joseph Riedinger spent most his priestly life furthering the work of the Church in western Canada. Father is remembered as an exemplary and zealous pastor and also a great promoter of Catholic Schools. Father was responsible for the erection of the Ursuline Convent at Prelate, Sask., and also served many years as chaplain in the same institution. Father spent three years of his ministry as pastor of St. Joseph's Church, from 1926-1929. It was during his time as pastor that he amalgamated the church and school contributions into one fee. Since his departure from St. Joseph's, Father Riedinger has returned to his Maker; may he rest in peace!



FATHER BERNARD UEBERBERG, OMI

After serving as first Provincial of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate of St. Mary's Province from 1926-1929, Father Ueberberg was Pastor of St. Joseph's Church from 1930 to 1941.

Father did great work both spiritually and financially during those hard times. At the age of 83 — he is still hale and hearty living in retirement in Regina, Saskatchewan. In his message to us on our Diamond Jubilee Father says:

"On this occasion of celebrating, I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to the present Pastor, Rev. P. Riffel, OMI and all the parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish for their faith in Divine Providence and their hope in the future. Let me especially pay tribute to the pioneers whose sacrifices and generosity prepared the way for the present generation. Also let me not overlook the priestly ministry of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate whose devotion and zeal over these past years has been responsible for the development of a parish, and a spirit that is second to none. They have been ably helped by the good Sisters of St. Joseph, the Benedictines, Ursulines, and the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception. May all those who have faithfully served their God in St. Joseph's Parish during the past 60 years, have their names written in Golden Letters in the Book of Life."



FATHER NICODEMUS FEIST, OMI

In September of 1941 Father Feist became pastor of St. Joseph's Church. Before this Father had spent many years in the field of education and training young men for the priesthood. He also served a number of years as Superior of St. Charles Scholasticate at Battleford, Sask.

During his years at St. Joseph's Father had great tasks to overcome. Among these were the reduction of the debt and finally the burning of the mortgage. He was also here during the fire of 1947. Great decisions had to be made regarding the future of St. Joseph's. With the help of the Church Board the decision was made and the Church renovated. Father remained at St. Joseph's until 1951 when he was transferred to Saskatchewan. In his message to us Father extends to the parish "Best wishes and prayer for a successful 60th Anniversary."





FATHER FRANCIS J. PLISCHKE, OMI

Father Plischke was born at Berghthal, Samara, Russia, 1893. The family emigrated to Canada in 1903 when he was 10 years of age. He received his elementary education at Holy Ghost and St. Joseph's Schools. He then went to St. Boniface Juniorate and College and completed his studies for the priesthood at the University of Ottawa. He was the first priest to be ordained in the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. His ordination took place at St. Joseph's on June 15, 1917.

After his ordination Father taught at St. Boniface Juniorate, and then went to Holland where he taught English for two years and made a trip to Rome before returning to Canada.

A brilliant scholar, he taught at St. Paul's College in Winnipeg, and at St. Thomas College, Battleford, Sask. for a number of years. He then served in several parishes in Saskatchewan, among them being St. Mary's in Regina.

Being a great lover of children and sports, he coached several parish hockey teams. He was a gifted 'magician' and often performed tricks to the enjoyment of all. He was made parish priest of St. Joseph's in 1951, and under his direction extensive renovation of the Church, hall and school were carried out. Father passed away quietly at the age of 68 on May 14, 1961. May he rest in peace.



FATHER OSCAR PAUWELS, OMI

Father Pauwels was born at Poperinge, Belgium, in 1926. He entered the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1945 and was ordained at Gijzegem, Belgium in 1952. Father came to Canada in 1952 and spent a year at St. Charles Scholasticate at Battleford, Sask. He then did mission work in the Yukon for one year after which he returned to Saskatchewan. He was named assistant to St. Joseph's Parish, Winnipeg in 1956. After the death of Father Plischke in 1961, Father became pastor of St. Joseph's. During his term as pastor Father introduced the Tithing Program and also did great work in promoting C.F.M. In his message to us on the occasion of our Jubilee Father says:

"I sincerely congratulate St. Joseph's Parish on the occasion of its Diamond Jubilee. I thank God that he called me to devote 10 years of my priestly life at your service.

The people of St. Joseph's have known many hardships in the history of the parish as well as in their own personal lives. Many have known the limit of human endurance in hunger, deportation, and refugee camps.

May this Diamond Jubilee be a new ray of hope in building a strong and healthy parish life. For this I pray with you."



FATHER PETER A. RIFFEL, OMI

Father Riffel is current pastor of St. Joseph's, having taken over on August 6, 1966.

FATHER AUGUST SUFFA, OMI

Father August Suffa, OMI arrived in Winnipeg on August 30, 1900. Residing at Holy Ghost Church, he was entrusted with the care of the German Catholic families who had settled down here. German children went to Holy Ghost in afternoons and were instructed by the Fathers in both Religion and language. There is also a record of a Father P. Enck, OMI, who helped with the German ministry about this time. However, he passed away at St. Boniface Hospital on November 15, 1901. Father Suffa also visited such out-lying places as Gretna, Morden and Winkler, where German immigrants settled on farms. He even travelled occasionally to Grayson and Lemberg Saskatchewan to say Holy Mass and administer the Sacraments to new settlers there. Father Suffa left for Regina in 1903 where he was pastor of St. Mary's until his death in 1919.



P. A. Riffel



N. Warnke



F. DeMong



C. J. Klein



P. Herbst

Assistant Priests

OCCASIONAL & ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Some of the priests who passed through St. Joseph's in the early years and assisted occasionally were:

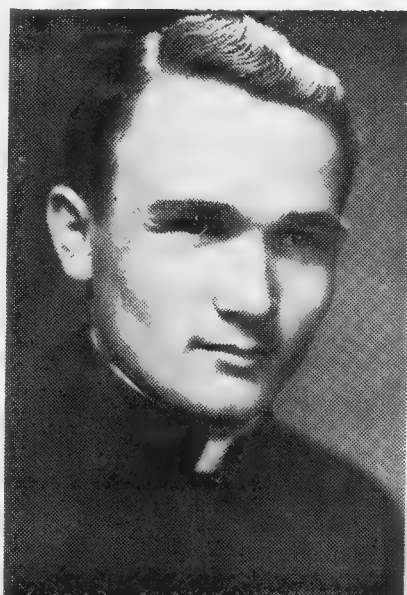
Father Karl Groetschel, OMI
(who was also parish priest of Holy Ghost Church)

Father Peter Bour, OMI
Father Peter Habets, OMI
Father Louis Hermandung, OMI
Father Charles Ackerman, OMI
Father Joseph Warnke, OMI
Father Joseph Schneider, OMI
Father Joseph Wagner, OMI

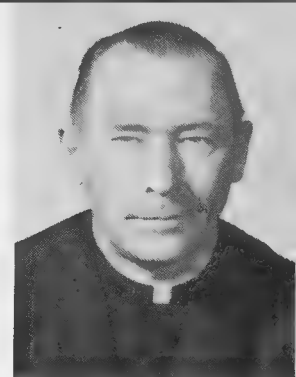
It was only in later years that fulltime assistant priests were stationed at St. Joseph's:

Father P. A. Riffel, OMI — 1934-36
Father Noah Warnke, OMI — 1936-38
Father F. DeMong, OMI — 1938-39
Father C. J. Klein, OMI — 1942
Father John Schickler, OMI — 1942-44
Father Patrick Herbst, OMI — 1944-45
Father Michael Schatz, OMI — 1945-48
Father Francis Lenz, OMI — 1948-50
Father Oscar Pauwels, OMI, 1956-61
Father Bernard Lewans, OMI — 1961-62
Father George Fetsch, OMI — 1962-65
Father Ronald Dechant, OMI — 1965-66
Father Robert Stang, OMI — 1966-

G. Fetsch



R. Stang



M. Schatz



F. Lenz



O. Pauwels



B. Lewans

R. Dechant





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St. Joseph's

GENESIS

One is reminded of the book of Genesis. North of Burrows Ave. "the earth was waste and void" at the turn of the century. But then "God made all kinds of wild beasts and every kind of cattle", as a result of which we read a report of the early days stating that a certain Schweitzer had a Dairy Farm on the corner of Bannerman and Salter. Another, Czech by name, had a farm here too. Of course, there's many a cow-barn in the northend, which was later converted into a garage. Hardly thirty years earlier the buffalo had left Manitoba, but a black bear was known to be prowling around the north-end until after a week of terror, hunters caught up with him. Anyway, at first there was nothing at College Ave. — and then there was St. Joseph's!

ORIGIN AT HOLY GHOST

BACK in the mist of "pre-History", when the West was thrown open for settlers, there was an avalanche of immigration from Central Europe. Many of these made their homes in Winnipeg, still in the Diocese of St. Boniface. There was not only a shortage of Priests, but specifically, of Priests able to communicate with these people in the only language they understood — their mother tongue. They were Polish, German, Ruthenian, etc. Archbishop Adelard Langevin, OMI, invited the Oblates of Mary Immaculate from Europe. The first to arrive was Father Albert Kulawy, OMI who was appointed to do this ministry on April 10, 1898. He worked from the present site of Holy Ghost Church on Selkirk Ave. His assistant was his own brother, Father John Kulawy, OMI. In addition to their knowledge of Slavonic languages, they also spoke German. We owe it to these zealous Oblates that further help came from Europe in the person of that able and illustrious Father August Suffa, OMI, who arrived on August 30, 1900. With his Roman Doctorate and a powerful personality he joined his fellow Oblates at Holy Ghost, concentrating on the growing German Catholic population. He was joined by Father Joseph Cordes, OMI in 1901. Not only did German Catholics have regular services at Holy Ghost, but the children attended school there and were instructed in their faith. Miss Cecelia Krause is mentioned as one of the teachers as well as a Jos. Stadtherr. Despite the congestion there was

Die Wende des Jahrhunderts in Kanada wird allgemein als die Stunde betrachtet, in der sprunghafte Entwicklung des Westens in Bewegung kam. In diese Zeit faellt auch die Gruendung der deutschen Gemeinde St. Joseph.

Mit dem riesenhaften Einstrom der Einwanderer sah sich auch die Kirche vor gewaltige Aufgaben gestellt. Der Mangel an Seelsorgen war gross. In seiner Not wandte sich Erzbischof Langevin von St. Boniface an die Oblaten in Europa um Hilfe. Das Gebot der Stunde war, Priester zu finden fuer die Deutschen, Polen und Ukrainer, die durch das Mittel der Muttersprache es ermoeöglichen koennten, den Glauben und die Treue zur Kirche in der neuen Heimat zu erhalten.

Als erster Priester kam Pater Albert Kulawy, OMI, der zusammen mit seinem Bruder Pater John Kulawy, OMI, die Seelsorge im noerdlichen Teil von Winnipeg begann. Diesen heldenhaften Pionieren ist es zu verdanken, dass auch die deutschen Einwanderer sofort seelsorglich erfasst und betreut wurden. Ihnen folgte P. August Suffa, OMI im August 1900; in 1901 war es P. Joseph Cordes, OMI dem dann in 1903 sich P. Paul Hilland, OMI, zugesellte.

Anfaenglich bildeten die Deutschen einen Teil der Holy Ghost Gemeinde. Als jedoch ihre Zahl immer groesser wurde, musste die Gruendung einer selbststaendigen deutschen Gemeinde erwogen werden. Mehre Moeglichkeiten wurden in Betracht gezogen, bis schliesslich die Wahl auf die jetzige Lage an der College Avenue fiel. Der Neubau der Kirche wurde sofort in Angriff genommen. Geplant war ein drei Stock Gebaeude, Erholungsraeume, eine Halle und dann schliesslich im oberen Stock, die Kirche. Schon am 5ten Mai, 1905, wurde der erste Gottesdienst zur grossen Freude der Gemeinde im eigenen Gotteshaus gehalten. Zur gleichen Zeit wurde auch das Pfaarhaus gebaut. Das erste Schwesternkloster wurde im Jahre 1906 kaeuflich erworben.

Der Chronist weiss zu erzaehlen, dass am 19ten Maerz, 1904, der Herr Erzbischof die Baustelle besichtigte. Bei der Gelegenheit soll er den Wunsch geaeussert haben, die neue deutsche Gemeinde unter den Schutz des Hl Josephs zu stellen; zur gleichen Zeit wollte er damit auch dem damaligen Herrn Pfarrer,



Innere des St. Josephs-Kirche

P. Cordes, dessen Name auch Joseph war, seine volle Anerkennung zum Ausdruck bringen.

Im Jahre 1905 wurden auch die Kinder, die bis dahin die Schule in Holy Ghost besucht hatten, in die eigene Gemeinde umgesiedelt. Da die Kirche sich bald als zu klein erwies, musste eine Erweiterung der Räumlichkeiten geplant werden, ein neuer Eingang zur Kirche mit den beiden Türmen, ebenfalls sechs neue Klassenzimmer für den Unterricht der Schulkinder. Am 16ten Dezember 1906 wurden dann die Kirche und die Schule feierlich eingeweiht.

Die finanzielle Belastung der jungen Gemeinde war ungeheuer. Es dauerte lange Jahre, bis endlich unter P. Nicodemus Feist die Schulden restlos abgetragen werden konnten.

In der 60 jährigen Geschichte der Gemeinde wurde das Gotteshaus zweimal durch Feuersbrunst heimgesucht und erheblich beschädigt. Das erste mal kurz nach Vollendung der Kirche am 26ten April, 1908. Jedoch gelang es dem P. Hilland, das Allerheiligste noch in Sicherheit zu bringen. Der obere Teil, i.e. die Kirche fiel den Flammen zum Opfer. Wiederum fand sich die Gemeinde in grosser Not, wenn auch der Schaden wenigstens teilweise von der Versicherung vergütet wurde.

Zum zweiten mal wurde die Feuerwehr alarmiert, als am 15ten März, 1947 erneut Feuer ausbrach.

Nun sah sich die Gemeinde vor eine wichtige Entscheidung gestellt. Sollte man einen Neubau erwägen oder sich mit der Instandsetzung des Schadens begnügen. Letzteres wurde beschlossen. Was vorher als Halle diente wurde nun als Kirche ausgebaut.

Jetzt aber, im Jubiläumsjahr des 60 jährigen Bestehens der Gemeinde scheint die Zeit gekommen zu sein, der geistigen Heimat der deutschen Katholiken in Winnipeg ein neues Gepräge zu geben, damit das teuerste Erbe unserer Väter, unser heiliger Glaube, im Zuge der allgemeinen Erneuerung der Kirche, für die Zukunft erhalten bleibe.

Das walte Gott. ●

wonderful co-operation and that is why St. Joseph's is grateful to the Holy Ghost Parish to this day.

COLLEGE AVENUE 1903 - 1905

THINGS were moving fast. Special trains delivered immigrants by the thousands. Holy Ghost was overcrowded. Meanwhile, Father Suffa, OMI was called to organize a Parish in Regina in 1903. Father Jos Cordes succeeded him and was alone until the arrival of Father Paul Hilland, OMI on September 11, 1903. It was necessary to build separate facilities and establish a German Parish. The Oblates of the Manitoba Province, therefore, looked for a site. At first a plot of land on Aikens and Pritchard was under consideration, but, lured by the wide-open spaces to the north, Father Cordes convinced the authorities that College Ave. was a better location. The Oblates, therefore, bought land on College Ave. 404 ft. by 313 ft. bordered on the North by Mountain Ave. and to the West by Andrews Street (cf. Plan 197). The cost was \$5,000.00. Construction of the Church began at once. A Mr. Leopold Villeroy was the Architect-Contractor. Excavation was done by horse-drawn scrapers. Cement blocks, moulded right on the site largely by voluntary help, were the materials used. The plan called for:

- 1) a basement to serve as Recreation centre.
- 2) a hall with stage for theatrical and other functions.
- 3) the top floor as a Church.

This building cost \$14,868.00 without furnishings and was sufficiently completed for the first Holy Mass in St. Joseph's on May 5th, 1905. In fact on May 28 of the same year, Archbishop Langevin, OMI made a Pastoral Visitation here and confirmed 67 children. The records don't state exactly when Father Cordes took up residence in the new Rectory, but it was built at the same time as the Church at a cost of \$2,918.55. The first Sisters' House (524 College Ave.) was bought in 1906 for \$3,225.84.



Church Interior



Commemorative stone under the gable of the original church. It was removed when the building's height was reduced following the fire in 1947.

WHY ST. JOSEPH'S?

IT WAS the 19th of March, 1904. The Fathers were celebrating Father Cordes' names-day. The Archbishop was invited and came. After lunch they walked to College Ave. to view the progress on the Church building and they discussed the location of the new school to the north of it. In honor of the Feast Day and as a present to Father Cordes, the Archbishop placed the new Church under the Patronage of St. Joseph.

LOTS FOR SETTLEMENT

WHILE THE Oblates of Mary Immaculate were financing the new parish (the immigrants had no money) Father Cordes was trying to settle German families in the vicinity of the Church. In the Confirmation Register the Archbishop writes that he (Father Cordes) bought "immense tracts of land", referring to 12 Blocks of land. All the details we have in this regard are:

- 1) The lots sold for about \$390.00
- 2) On May 28, 1905 about 250 families had settled on lots.
- 3) The Father Cordes Land Agency was having financial troubles, — there were \$22,720.00 to collect from unpaid lots. When the war broke out in 1914 immigration became just a trickle, there were no new families to settle, and today no living person seems to know how the business of lots ended. The Oblate Congregation eventually absorbed heavy losses in this regard as well as in the financing of the Church and School. In case it has not been done before, our Diamond Jubilee is a fitting time to express our deepest gratitude to the Oblates of Mary Immaculate without whose sacrifices this foundation would not have been possible.

1906 CHURCH AND SCHOOL COMPLETED

IN 1905 St. Joseph's School children were moved from Holy Ghost to College Avenue where the hall and stage were partitioned off for classrooms, as a temporary measure. On the day of the first Mass at St. Joseph's, on May 5th in 1905, it was evident the Church would be too small. Plans were immediately prepared, therefore to add the Towers and entrance on the front of the building and extend the sanctuary into the School, which was to be built on to the rear. Work went full force ahead, so that in 1906 the entire building, with towers and a six room school were completed at an additional cost of \$17,057.03. Archbishop Langevin came and blessed St. Joseph's Church and School, thus completed on December 16, 1906. The Canonical Erection of the Parish of St. Joseph followed only on January 22, 1913, over the signature of Archbishop Adalard Langevin, OMI.

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

FATHER CORDES evidently believed in deficit financing. The revenue of the Parish from the beginning to 1911 did not do more than cover operating costs. Meanwhile, costs soared with the acquisition of pews, bells, organ, Stations of the Cross and other church furnishings. The school had to be furnished. The heating system had to be improved. There was the cost of transferring the property from the Oblates to the Parish. With accrued interest at the rate of 6% the total debt added up to about \$72,000.00 by January 1, 1911. Seen from here the interest rate looks high for those days. However, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, recognizing the impossibility of the load, settled for \$40,000.00. Nevertheless, even this burden hung over the Parish, like a dark cloud, over the war years, throughout the 'dirty thirties', until finally and triumphantly Father N. Feist, OMI burnt the mortgage.

TWO FIRES

YOU CAN'T really blame us for having a couple of fires in sixty years. However, the first fire came only about a year and a half after the Church was finished, in the night of April 26 and 27th, 1908. Father Hilland rescued the Blessed Sacrament. For the rest the upper storey was burnt out, the roof collapsed and the lower storey was heavily damaged by water. A strong north wind fanned the flames. They say the fire could have been controlled sooner had the Fire Brigade not got stuck in the mud on College Ave. It was paved only in October 1908. Insurance covered the reconstruction of the top floor, but not the loss of the pews, the organ and other prized furnishings. During the reconstruction Holy Mass was again said at Holy Ghost and later in the basement here. The fire was a major calamity and meant a further financial set-back for the parish.

The second fire happened on the 15th day of March, 1947, during the Novena to St. Joseph. It is said St. Christopher leaves the car at speed 60. Well, no one expected St. Joseph to let us down during the novena — and we are not sure he did. Perhaps the insurance helped to speed the burning of the mortgage. A momentous decision had to be made after the fire; whether it was wise to demolish the whole building and in building anew, incur another debt — OR whether they should repair the damage and spend money on repairs to the old section ever after — that was the question.

As one reads the minutes of the Church Board in those days, one holds his breath and prays that they find the best solution. One lonely voice advocates the first course; to tear down and build new! He was a carpenter like St. Joseph. But there wasn't time



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for another novena, so he lost out. The cost of repairs to date, together with Insurance would almost have paid for a new Church.

Seen from this side of 1947 the answer is simple, not so from the other side . . . Anyway, the top storey was removed altogether, mostly because of weight-bearing problems under the towers; the hall was converted into the present church and has served the purpose well.

THE NEGLECTED NORTH END

NORTHENDERS who say the city is neglecting them will take small consolation from the fact it was ever thus. Water and sewage were slow in coming so that people had to walk for blocks to fetch a pail of water from a well near the Church. Mrs. Mary Lenius tells how they could carry two pails at a time without "spilling ail over yourself". You take four pieces of small boards 2½ ft. long and nail them so as to make a square. You stand in the square and lift up the 2 pails one on each side at the same time as you lift the square. This will keep the pails away from your body as you walk and avoid spilling on your new shoes. There's also the "yoke" — bar on your shoulders with a pail on each end. For further information please phone Mrs. Lenius . . . Then the Northenders complained about paving the streets. It took the

Church Fire to convince the city to pave College Ave. from Main to Andrews in October 1908. Salter was paved from Selkirk to Redwood in 1909.

Redwood Bridge (Louise Bridge) was opened for traffic on January 11, 1909. Year after year the residents clamored for a Street Car on Mountain and finally in 1911 they got a promise. When they got the street car we don't know. Then lately, somebody collected money for a Catholic High School. Where is it? — You guessed it. So the northenders have had to suffer from the beginning. But suffering has made them virile, determined and generous. That is why they are not the "greatest" but the "best" (to use a cliché).

VOLKSVEREIN — C.I.A.S.

THE OBLATES, together with the Benedictines (Humboldt, Sask.) organized the so-called "Volksverein", a body of German Catholic laymen, whose aim, among other things, was to help with the settlement of Catholic immigrants. They formed the Catholic Immigrant Aid Society" (CIAS) a federally chartered company, which did immeasurable good right up to and including the handling of displaced persons after World War II. Father Kierdorf, OMI did yeoman work in this connection in the 20's. A sample of his efforts is Little Britain, where

on March 27, 1927 about 30 families from Westphalia and the Black Forest area of Germany were settled. They are now all prosperous farmers. They have a nice little church and hall, a friendly pastor in Father F. Otterbach, OMI and their annual "Schutzenfest" is something you shouldn't miss.

The "Volksverein" had representatives in all larger centres on the prairies. Abbot Doerfler, OSB of Humboldt was its first president. Later on there was Father P. Funke, OMI. Bishops took active part in this organization. They sponsored Catholic Conventions (Katholiken-Tage) in Regina, Winnipeg and Humboldt and drew literally thousands of people to these functions. Premier Roblin and Archbishop Langevin attended one on July 15, 1909. The purpose was to provide intelligent Catholic leadership in the matter of Catholic Schools as well as in civic and political affairs. Their impact made news in the daily papers and contributed, later on, to the victory for Catholic High Schools in Saskatchewan. The "Volksverein", alas, does not exist anymore.

An Organization called simply the "Catholic Federation" of Winnipeg was organized along similar lines. It had the active cooperation of Catholics of all nationalities in the city. St. Joseph's was an enthusiastic cooperator. The issue of Catholic schools in Manitoba was one of its main concerns. The Catholic Federation probably delayed, if it could not prevent, the stratification of ethnic groups into isolated sectors, weakening the whole structure politically and in every other way.

THE WEST CANADA PUBLISHING CO.

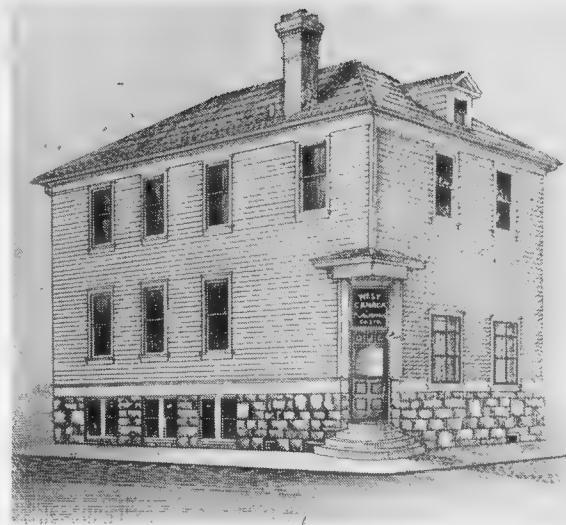
AS EARLY as 1906 the Oblates of Mary Immaculate recognized the importance of communications. There was a growing mass of multilingual people not only in Winnipeg, but scattered across the Diocese of St. Boniface, which extended as far West as the southern Alberta boundary. There were no radios, no T.V., and the railways were only beginning to build telegraph systems across the land. That is why, and that is when the West-Canada Publishing Co. was launched. From St. Joseph's Father Jos. Cordes, OMI spearheaded the project (as its first President). Priests and lay people raised \$40,000.00 to put up the building on College and Andrews and order the presses. It was an undertaking unique in North America as they were planning to print papers in five different languages.

THE "WEST CANADA" WEEKLY

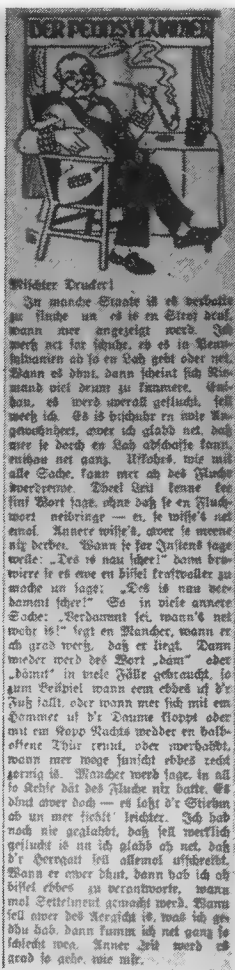
WE HAVE on hand the very first products of this press, and these are now our most valuable source of information. The first German Catholic weekly, the *West-Canada* is dated September 4, 1907. Its avowed purpose: to safeguard the interests of our Catholic Faith and generally, to assist newcomers in a new land. The format of the paper was standard size newspaper, 12 pages, 7 columns. The print was in Gothic letters, technically excellent. The cost was \$1.50 a year. Eaton's and many smaller businesses advertised in it. Father Peter Bour, OMI was the editor; Alfred Vonnegut its Executive-Secretary; Jacob Doerr, bookbinder; Con Schnerch, Frank Runge, Karl Scholienberg, Rheinhold

Schmok (Foreman), Jos. Miskolcey (Pressman), Mary Stadtherr (Clerk), and eight or ten more were employed at the press. There was a good line of religious articles, prayerbooks, Rosaries, etc. and a Lending Library of 1,200 volumes.

The West-Canada Publishing Co. was the fore-runner of the Canadian Publishers. The Oblates of the Manitoba Province bought a majority of shares in the company, built a more spacious building on McDermott Ave. and Margaretta (now Furby St.) and moved into the new plant in June 1910. Most of the employees went along and the good work of the press prospered. The building of the West-Canada Publishing Co. was first bought by a William Neukirchen, who carried on a business for a while, but soon sold it to the Parish. It was converted into the present Sisters residence.



WEST CANADA BLDG.



A "folksy" column from the
WEST CANADA

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

IF THERE ever was a "Catholic Centre" anywhere it was at the West-Canada Publishers in 1908. The effort had nothing to do with nationalism. It was simply a down-to-earth pragmatic approach to reality. These Catholic people of many nations didn't come to Canada to lose their faith. They wanted guidance, encouragement and statements of policy from their Church and they could best get these through the Catholic Press. Therefore in addition to the "West-Canada" the publishers printed *L'ami du Foyer*, in French, the *Gazeta Katolicka* in Polish Editor, Father Ladislaus Grachowski, OMI the *Central Catholic* in English (Editor a Mr. Barry) and finally a paper for the "Ruthenians" as they were referred to in those days. The only Catholic immigrants who knew a little English were from the USA, Ireland, etc. These were only a fraction of the total. The language papers, therefore, were not only a powerful factor in preserving the Catholic Faith — but they also introduced the immigrant to the political life of the country and prepared him for good citizenship. True, there was the illusion that the immigrant could retain his language, the vehicle of his culture, indefinitely — as the Germans had done, away from home, in Poland, Russia and Hungary, etc. for nearly two hundred years. These papers brought news from their respective homelands, extolled their cultures, and while they resisted absorption, like every self-respecting man should, nevertheless, perhaps softened the to-

tal break from tradition by delaying it . . . Canadian history continually ignores these people as minority groups. Sure, the immigrant owes a lot to Canada and he loves his adopted homeland for it. But his national identity is being annihilated, and for this alone Canada owes him a hell of a lot, too. Inevitable, but true! If Catholic Papers have not salvaged languages, they have certainly helped to rescue our Faith.

POPULATION & IMMIGRATION

ONE IS SURPRISED to read that, at the turn of the century, there were many immigrants from the Midwestern USA — Stadtherr, Springers, Wiechen, Herzog, Stetter, Zimmer, Kraemer, Vonnegut, Waas and others are some who came to St. Joseph's. They spoke a "broken English" but a good "Pennsylvania Dutch". Many immigrants were illiterate and unfortunately, due to economic conditions, many of their children went to work before finishing school. While many stayed here many more went West to buy farms. Apart from the British, by far the greater number came from Poland, Galicia, Austria, Hungary, the Ukraine and Russia. In 1907 the population of Canada was 6,700,000, the population of Winnipeg 140,000 there were 20,000 Catholics in Winnipeg — the population of St. Joseph's was about 2,000. No wonder over-populated areas of Europe forced our doors. They flocked through Winnipeg by the thousands. Special trains loaded them up as they landed in Montreal on the "Montrose" and other ships, bringing them

west. One day in 1908 there arrived here 342 from Galicia, 29 from Bukovina, and 14 from Germany. Back in 1904, 2,000 arrived in one week. The CPR Station was the scene of many reunions as friends went to see them. On Thursday April 27, 1911, within 24 hours there were ten Special Trains bringing 4,000 immigrants (mostly British) through Winnipeg. The First World War changed a lot of this, v.g. in 1913 there was a total immigration of 418,838, whereas in 1914 it dropped to 163,623 and later to a dribble. Neither our country nor the Church were properly organized for the allocation of the multitudes who swarmed into Canada. Many men worked on the railroad for \$1.25 a day here and in the USA. In fact, the years 1907-08 were years of much unemployment on the whole continent. Thousands of immigrants returned to their homelands. In 1907, in the USA alone, about 200,000 Italians left the country. In Winnipeg there were four suicides in eight days. So don't believe everything you hear about the "grand old days".

THE JUBILEE CAMPAIGN

AFTER SIXTY YEARS of use and two fires, both our Church and School are too far gone for further repairs. In the fall of 1966, therefore, it was decided to begin raising funds for the replacement of these buildings. In the Spring of 1967 a Campaign Committee was built around the Church Board and over a hundred men, all volunteers, went out to canvass each of some 500 names in the Parish for one hundred weekly contributions. It was probably the finest display of co-operation the Parish had seen in a long time. And it was a practical way to commemorate the JUBILEE.

AN ASSEMENT

IN RETROSPECT it is no exaggeration to state that St. Joseph's has served a good purpose. Thousands of souls have found spiritual solace and human enrichment under its influence. May God rest the departed and bless the living who have so loyally stood by St. Joseph's! Our greatest contribution to the Catholic life of the City probably comes from St. Joseph's School. Hundreds of men and women, who studied here, are now good practical Catholics in other parishes and throughout the land. Our pioneers saw this very clearly; a Catholic school is the extension of a Catholic home and both are indispensable for a good Catholic formation. Our school has im-

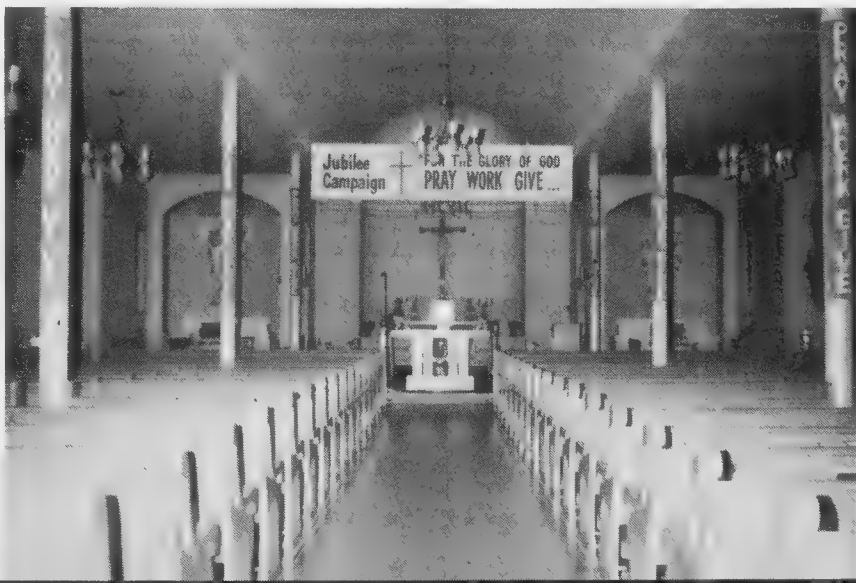
poverished the parish, but we think it was worth it. The Decrees of Vatican II call for more thorough Christian training and education, not less. Without it all talk of renewal and social involvement is pious nonsense. Until we realize that a Christian formation is as vital as the bread we serve on our tables, this affluent society will look for easy ways out and fail the coming generation.

There remains a lot for St. Joseph's to do from now until our Centenary in 2006. We want to be a spiritual ha-

ven for German Catholics, who have come here since World War II, and who will continue to come. Going forward as a family we shall bear one another's joys and sorrows. Having come of age as a parish we are not interested in ethnic isolation. We are proud of our Canadian Citizenship and not ashamed of our origin. As Catholics in this ecumenical age we want to play our part in the diocese and in the Church as a whole. We want to keep in step with the People of God all around us and help bring Christ to "Man and his World". ●



JUBILEE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE — Rev. C.J. Klein, OMI, Rev. P.A. Riffel, OMI (Pastor), Ray Halas, (Chairman), Rev. R. Stang, OMI, Rt. Rev. Norman J. Chartrand (Chancellor). BACK ROW (L-R) Walter Noble, Klaus Meyer, Tom Komatich, Victor Smith, Mrs. K. Komatich, Jack Miller, Paul Lang, Robert Schneider, Peter Streilein, Paul Kraemer.





Church prior to fire



MAY PROCESSION GROUP, 1944

FRONT ROW: (l-r) Theresa Kotre, Virginia Chutka, Beatrice Runge, Iris Peters, Loretta Forkheim, Angela Kelsch, Kathleen Darlington, Jeannette Lang, Dorothy Klinger, Helen Kuntz, Arlene Emslie, Joan Lang, Joyce Lariviere.
SECOND ROW: Eleanor Kuschei, Bernadette Forkheim, Shirley MacDonald, Katherine Seitz, Jeannette Dirnberger, Lucille Lang, Joan Kapitani, Florence Lang, Anne Hessler, Josephine Weidacher, Irene Schneider, Mary Csuk,
THIRD ROW: Marie Knoll, Marlene Kunderman, Elizabeth Martin, Joan Calvert, Anne Birkenheier, Theresa Hepelle, not known, Theresa Kaufman, Georgina Thierman, Jeannette Forkheim.

STATISTICS

BAPTISMS

TOTAL NUMBER OF BAPTISMS TO DATE — 4,398

First Baptism — May 17, 1903

MICHAEL JASPER — Born May 8, 1903

Parents — Father - Andreas Jasper

Mother - Katherina Ring

Sponsors — Michael Heusler - Barbara Heusler

Priest — Father Joseph Cordes, OMI

The Cost of Living in 1908

When your grandmother went shopping in 1908 she checked the Eaton's advertisement in the "West-Canada" weekly and found these prices:

Butter, 1 lb. ....	.25¢
Eggs, 1 doz. ....	.16¢
Pork, 1 lb. ....	.05-.06¢
Veal, 1 lb. ....	.08-.10¢
Potatoes, 1 bushel .....	.60¢
Coal Pail .....	.78¢
Men's Suit (1 pr. pants)	reg. \$15.00 special \$12.00
Socks (Men's) .....	.35¢
Ladies' Oxfords	\$1.75
All Wool Ladies' Dress	\$5.00
Fine Leather Gloves .....	.50¢
Men's Shirts	reg. \$1.50
	special .29¢
Gramophone	\$70.00

Now look at the hourly wages of those days: (Nine Hour Day)

Carpenter .....	.35
Mason .....	.60
Plumber .....	.50
Printer .....	.30
Electrician .....	.35
Common Laborer .....	.25
Blacksmith .....	.30

MARRIAGES

TOTAL NUMBER OF MARRIAGES TO DATE — 1,451

First Marriage — June 30, 1903

Heinrich Jost — 383 St. John's Ave.

Age 24 — Born - Mussolowich, Galicia

Profession — Tailor

Parents — John Jost - Katharina Gross

Veronica Schnerch

Age 19 — Born - Mussolowich, Galicia

Parents — George Schnerch - Apolonia Resch

Witnesses — Peter () - Jacob Missler

Priest — Father Joseph Cordes, OMI

DEATHS & FUNERALS

TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS AND FUNERALS TO DATE — 959

First Death — April 19, 1903

Anton Grun — Age 4 months - Born Vorstorek, Hungary

Father's Name — Jacob Grun

Funeral — April 21, 1903

Priest — Father Joseph Cordes, O.M.I

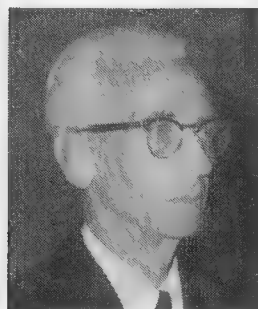
Forecast for 2006

- 1) Someone will have landed on the moon.
- 2) We'll have a New Church and School at St. Joseph's.
- 3) Either the Liberals or the NDP will govern Manitoba and they will give Catholics a "Fair Share" of their school taxes.
- 4) The price of wheat will be at least \$2.00 a bushel.
- 5) Some Laymen and most Priests will have read the "Sixteen Documents of Vatican II".

6) There is a possibility that, having begun the dialogue with our Anglican, United Church, etc. Brethren, we will also find it in our hearts to dialogue with French-Canadian and Ukrainian Catholics. Unity in the "household of faith" will put us in a better position to bid for unity with our Separated Brethren, and help solve a lot of problems.

7) To those who will gather to celebrate the Centenary of St. Joseph's we say: "Morituri te salutant". Those of us in the "forties" will not be with you. May our children still have reason to rejoice on the occasion and remember us in their prayers. ●

CHURCH TRUSTEES



J. Miller



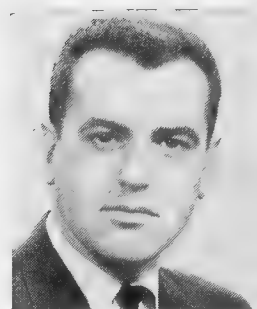
P. Lang



P. Streilein



R. Halas



D. Howald

THE RECORDS that are available indicate that the following list of men, were at one time or another, Trustees of St. Joseph's Church. Our records may not be complete.

Franz Krattenthaller
Alfred Vonnegut
Franz Wiechen
Theodor Kotschorek
William Sprangers
Heinrich Waas
Peter Hector
Joseph P. Kraemer
L. Kolla
Heinrich Strack
Henry Presch
Arthur Banninger
John Altmayer
Modestus Jung
Adolph Wittman
Frank Resch

Nick Kleckler
R. Bradatsch
Jacob Doerr
Carl Franke
Joseph Kaiser
Nick Steigerwald
George Altmayer
J. Resch
Anton Wurtak
Gus Plischke
Jacob Bakosti
Franz Runge
Alex Reser
John Wuchti
Phil Wirth
Joseph Ottenbreit

John Kelsch
John Jost
Robert Thierman
Albert Mollenbeck
Andreas Wurtak
Albert Mattern
John Kaiser
F. Stanger
J. Wirt
Paul Kimak
G. Kuntz
J. Schmidt
C. Jestadt
Henry Jost
B. Plischke
R. Schroffel

John Motz
George Prost
B. Resch
George Sitter
John Trampicz
George Resch
Peter Lang
Andrew Opitz
Paul Lang
Joseph Miskolcy
Alex Kelsch
Albert Doerr
John Jost
Joseph Trager
Joseph Jestadt
Joe Stangl

S. Schaeffer
Martin Miller
Joseph Klump
Leonard Lumsden
Dan Sherer
Louis Behnke
F. Sellner
Steve Thullner
Joe Boehm
John Kraemer
Walter Noble
Jack Miller
Ray Halas
Peter Streilein
Dieter Howald

Parochial Society

THE PAROCHIAL SOCIETY of St. Joseph's was founded on November 25, 1945.

The First Executive was: President, Curly Hass; Vice-President, Paul Lang; Treasurer, George Sitter; Secretary, John Kraemer; Chaplain, Father N. Feist, OMI.

The Society's primary objectives are to promote harmony and co-operation among the parishioners, to help the less fortunate, help better the spiritual education and financial welfare of the Parish, to receive Holy Communion, to support Civic undertakings, and to sponsor social activities in the Parish.

The Society's first social function was a Welcome Home banquet for the returned Servicemen of the Parish. This was followed by a drive to raise money for an Oblate College. Another major event sponsored by the Society was a Thanksgiving Dinner and the burning of the Mortgage.

Over the years, some of the activities have been — taking Holy Communion in a Body and a breakfast following; bazaars, sponsoring Hockey and Baseball teams as well as the Boy Scouts and Cubs. They also hold ban-

60 Years of Music

With the singing and music of their homeland still ringing in their ears, the early settlers who moved into the shadows of St. Joseph's church, went to work and organized a choir to perpetuate the religious ceremonies of their faith. Most of the singing was in the German language with hymns similar to those they sang in their homeland. The "Salve Regina" hymn book was most popular.

It was not long before many parishioners joined the choir under the direction of the hard working and able leadership of Jack Doerr. He was responsible for the introduction of the four voice mixed choir, rendering solemn and inspiring singing of Masses in Latin. The "Hodie" sung at Christmas, can still be heard each year, when the choir of today repeats this solemn masterpiece.

Members of the choir in the early days of St. Joseph's were from such worthy and well known families as the Chutka, Franke, Haacke, Herzog, Kleckler, Kolla, Kaiser, Kunz, Kokran,

Lautsch, Moilenbeck, Opitz, Plischke, Runge, Resch, Rumboldini, Schollenberg, Trager, Van Amerungen, Vonnegut, Waas, Wuchti, Wurtak, Yost, and Yung, just to mention a few. Despite the many new ventures across the U.S. border and the other opportunities in western Canada, which lured families away from St. Joseph's, others quickly took their places to continue the singing of warm and heartfelt music.

Besides Mr. Jack Doerr, who directed the choir for many years, were such well knowns as , Rev. Jos. Schneider, Rev. E. Twardochleb — better known as Father Emil, Rev. P. Riffel our present parish priest, Rev. F. Lutz, Richard Kuntz, N. Koch, J. Miskolcy, P. Lang, F. McGavock, Jeanette Runge, M. Malzer, and the present director A. Gerstner.

Organists in the past years were, Margaret Schollenberg, Barbara Krotenthaler, Cecilia Yost, Leona Steigerwald, Ruth Krentz, Frank McGavock, Jeanette Runge, Josephine Miskolcy, and Eleanor Nitchie.

In addition to the senior choir St. Joseph's also had a boy's choir under the direction of Mr. Modestus Yung. As most of the families of these boys' moved to other areas it was not possible to replace them quickly and some soon found themselves members of the senior choir.

St. Joseph's was also the proud parent of a Dramatic Club, under the able direction of such noble sons as J. Van Amerungen, H. Vonnegut, J. Doerr, Richard Kunz, and A. Mollenbeck. Many dramas were ably performed and added to the health and enjoyment of the Parish. The "Passion" play, just to mention one, was an outstanding success and will be remembered by many old timers. The "make-up" men those days were Mr. Rudle and Mr. Chutka. The "prop" man was Mr. Fred Schoenthaler. The performers are too numerous to mention in this short summary but they all helped to cement the happy relationship which was and continues to be the cornerstone of family life in St. Joseph's Parish. ●

quets, Children's Christmas Tree parties, parish picnics, fishing derbies, smokers, and Bingo.

A boxing match was staged to obtain money for a school library.

The money which is raised by the Parochial Society's social activities are used for repairs and additions to the Church and School. Some of these in the past were carpeting for the altar area, school library, chairs for the hall, lawn chairs for the Sisters, television set for the Fathers, vacuum cleaner for the church, various electric appliances for the hall kitchen, and sports equipment for the school etc.

The men of the Society voluntarily worked on the various repairs such as completing the third floor school room, and the Church Hall, and gave generously of their time.

The Parochial Society is the backbone of the Parish, made up of men who have grown up and have gone to school here, of men who have come half way across the world to make their homes in the centre of the parish, and of their sons and their sons' sons after them, all working together for the common good.



Catholic Women's League

ON OCTOBER 23, 1910, a Society for German Catholic women was founded in St. Joseph's Parish. Father Louis Hermandung, OMI, met with the women and spoke on the aims and purposes of the Society. These would be first and foremost the promotion of the true ideals of Catholic family life, devotions and corporate communions several times a year. Social activities would also be encouraged. St. Elizabeth of Thuringen, being the ideal of a pious woman and mother was adopted as patron saint of the society, and the women took as their name, *St. Elizabeth Society*. Forty-two members were enrolled at this first meeting and elected the following executive: President, Mrs. H. Waas; Secretary, Mrs. F. Wiechen; Vice-President, Mrs. W. Neukirchen; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Vonnegut.

A Sick Visiting Committee was also appointed. A second meeting held on the 30th of October with a further enrollment of ten, and a Social Committee of twelve was elected.

At this time members became actively involved in the works of the Parish, by visiting the sick, helping the needy and assisting with the bazaars, picnics and children's Christmas parties. The altar linens and vestments of the priests and altar boys and the cleaning of the church were taken care of. Various necessities were provided for the church, school and rectory. Fund raising projects for carrying out these works included the sponsoring of coffee parties, card parties, concerts, donut sales and making quilts.

The first anniversary of the Society was celebrated by corporate communion in the morning, Benediction in the afternoon with the blessing of the newly acquired St. Elizabeth Banner.

In September, 1922 the Holy Rosary Society was founded. In December 1935 Father P.A. Riffel, OMI, our present pastor, who was with us at that time as assistant priest requested members to form and support a Missionary Society.

Members supported a campaign for funds for the building of St. Joseph's Orphanage and attended the opening celebrations. Donations were also made to the St. Joseph's Hospital. Following the first world war, assistance was given to the needy countries in Europe. During the second world war Victory Bonds were purchased and cigarettes were sent to the boys overseas. In February, 1946 a welcome home party was held for returned soldiers. Work was done in conjunction with the Immigration Department.

The Society's Silver Anniversary was celebrated June 2, 1935. Members assembled in the lower hall, were met by their Flag Bearer and paraded to church. A solemn high Mass was offered and corporate communion received. Prayers were said for all living and deceased members. An evening celebration was held honoring all the living founding members of the Society.

In September, 1948 the Society joined the *Catholic Women's League*, the organization for Catholic women in Canada, which is also a member of a world wide movement of



Catholic women, The Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, with a membership of over 36 million in 65 countries. The League's motto is FOR GOD AND CANADA. To do God's work through the medium of the Parish Council is the League member's primary duty. She should also take an active part in the affairs of her community. The Sisters of our parish are honorary members of the Council.

At the Golden Jubilee Dinner, October 15, 1960, CWL pins were presented to members of 25 years standing, who were 65 years of age and over. The Past Presidents were also honored at this time.

In order to encourage a student's education at a Catholic school a scholarship award is presented to a grade nine student of St. Joseph's School. The Council sponsors a Guide and Brownie Company in the Parish.

Volunteer work and assistance is given to the Christmas Cheer Board, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Red Cross Society, United Way, Sisters of Service, March of Dimes, St. Amant Ward, Community Chest, Sisters of Good Shepherd, Catholic Welfare Bureau, Canadian Mental Health Association, Good Neighbors Club and Notre Dame Day Centre.

In addition to the early fund raising projects are rummage sales, demonstrations catering and sale of Christmas cards and the annual Silver Tea and Smorgasbord.

At the present time membership of the Parish Council is approximately 100 women who will in the future, as they did in the past, carry on with the good work that was done by the pioneers and founders of the Society. ●

PAST PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Waas (1910-26); Mrs. Schollenberg (1926-31); Mrs. C. Smith (1931); Mrs. J. Traeger (1932-35); Mrs. C. Franks (1935); Mrs. S. Ungar (1936); Mrs. C. Franks (1937-48); Mrs. P. Chutka (1948); Mrs. M. Miller (1949-52); Mrs. P. Lang (1952); Mrs. M. Miller (1953); Mrs. S. Thullner (1954); Mrs. P. Kraemer (1955-56); Mrs. P. Lang (1957-58); Mrs. J. Schwartz (1959); Mrs. M. Miller (1960-61); Mrs. R. Halas (1961); Mrs. J. Klump (1962-63); Mrs. P. Gafka (1964-65); Mrs. T. Komatich (1966-67).

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS



THE foundation of a happy and fruitful life is given to us during the formative years of childhood and young adulthood. What we will be in later life depends on the training we receive from our parents, school, church, and other teachers, and also upon the self-discipline and virtue we acquire for ourselves. We usually reap as we have sown. This is the thought that must have been in the mind of Father Paul Hilland, OMI when he founded the "Jüngling" and "Junfrauenverein" in the early days of the parish.

From our records we see that the names of the two organizations were later changed to *St. Aloysius Verein* for boys, and *St. Agnes Verein* for the girls. It is interesting to note that in 1909 the *St. Aloysius Verein* had 54 members. Members of the executive of that year were: President — Mr. Joseph Doerr, Advisors: Karl Dech, Franz Runge. The remainder were: C. Schnersch, M. Meder, Thomas Jost, U. Kalinski, and Karl Katzel who later became an Oblate priest.

In general we can say that the purpose of this organization has always been to unite young people to work for the common interests of the Parish; to better prepare youth for society, to encourage and promote the spiritual, cultural, educational and recreational welfare of its members.

This purpose has been achieved in activities both religious and social.

The fact that they had two organizations at one time, one for the boys and one for the girls, did not mean that they had all their activities separately. They often combined their efforts to present excellent drama (annually), socials, orchestral presentations under the direction of Father Habets, gymnastics under the capable direction of Marty Kokran; sports activities — they used to pack the Olympic arena for their inter-parochial hockey games. They raised enough money to buy the smallest of the three church bells that were installed in the Church. They paid for it and had their inscription on it. Other varieties of social activities included Canteen nights, bicycle-hikes, square dancing instructions, tobogganing, etc. The CYO met with commendable success in all these undertakings.

The religious activities of the organization included Monthly Communion Breakfast, bi-monthly Holy Hours, marriage courses, lectures by various speakers, etc.

The CYO has always cooperated in the spiritual and material welfare of the parish. Presently there are two groups, one is the Senior CYO which consists of boys and girls in Grade 12 and over, and the Junior CYO which consists of boys and girls from Grades 9-11.



ALTAR BOYS

FRONT ROW: (l-r) Gregory Komatich, Martin Sing, James Kraemer, James Smith, Ricky Sapacz, Randy Streilein, Paul Lev.

SECOND ROW: (l-r) Tom Kraemer, Oskar Lakatos, Joe Halas, George Orlicz, Horst Backé, Ricky Binda.

THIRD ROW: (l-r) Olaf Kahl, Leonard Streilein, Father R. Stang, OMI, Eddie Sapacz, Anthony Hacko.

"IT'S ONLY A SHANTY IN OLD SHANTY TOWN"

Such could have been the theme song for the famous hockey shack that once graced the landscape at St. Joseph's schoolyard. Built by Father Riffel, assistant priest at the time, it was heated by a unique arrangement. In a spirit of "share the wealth", each boy was advised to bring ONE log of wood each day. This seemed a satisfactory and satisfying arrangement — until — one sad and sorry day, Father received the CONVINCING information that the boys had been toasting their toes by the heat of wood "borrowed" from the conveniently located woodyard of Mr. Christian Haas. Needless to say, the terms of the original "contract" were FORCIBLY reviewed and renewed. From then on, arms were a little more tired and self-control a little more taxed as the boys passed the woodyard without a meaningful — or — armful — pause!



John Motz, John Kuntz, Bill Heindl

SPORTS

By Vince Leah, Tribune Sports Staff

The Catholic church in metropolitan Winnipeg has played a prominent part in the sporting history of the community for many of this city's finest athletes of both yesteryear and the more modern era were of Catholic persuasion.

While the old parochial school hockey league has long been extinct and it has been a number of years since the Catholic Hockey league campaigned on Sunday evenings at the old Olympic rink, the metropolitan area's parishes continue to produce fine athletes among Catholic youth. At one time it was not uncommon for many Catholic schools to have open-air rinks and ball fields where space allowed. Unfortunately much of this land has been lost to the post-war building boom and it is regrettable there is no Catholic youth group on the scale of St. Louis or even Toronto sponsoring wholesome athletic competition between the boys and girls of the churches.

St. Joseph's can look back and rejoice in its own small but significant

role in Catholic sport in Winnipeg and of course it produced numerous young men who were active in the city's top leagues.

One of the finest athletes who went to St. Joseph's perhaps was Bill Heindl,

who helped Portage la Prairie Terriers win the Canadian junior hockey championship in 1942 and was a valued member of Vancouver's first professional football team, the Grizzlies, who had a short-lived existence in the early years of the Second World War. The



St. Joseph's Fastball Team — 1942

Sister Agnetis with Grade 3 and 4 girls representing the Mysteries of the Rosary (1951)



A TRIBUTE

HAVING been a pupil at St. Joseph's for Grades I to VIII, a teacher for three years, and a parish member for many more, I am glad that I was asked to contribute to the Jubilee Year Book.

To the devoted, dedicated priests and nuns who patiently and lovingly worked for and with us, I address the sincerest message of gratitude for having made me and my classmates heirs to that which is of the greatest importance for our spiritual, mental, and physical well being, namely, a philosophy of life which could transform man and the entire world.

We graduated with faith to inspire and sustain us, ideals and rules to guide us, and sufficient knowledge to step confidently into the realm of higher studies. We were given the proper tools, and since then, have been using them according to our talents and the circumstances in our lives. May there always be parochial schools such as the one we had the happiness and privilege of attending.

(Miss) Mary Rumpel

Heindl name is carried on in sports by Bill, Jr., now playing minor pro hockey in the United States and a fine football and baseball player in his own right, as well as a track athlete. Another of Bill's sons, Barry Heindl has been outstanding in city high school football for Churchill High school.

Eddie Seewaldt was just one of the kids from St. Joe's who gave North Winnipeg a reputation as a hotbed of hockey. A tremendous skater, Eddie played junior hockey for Columbus club, senior hockey for Pilgrims and San Antonio Muckers from Bissett. At last report he was located in Elliot Lake where he had been engaged in mining.

Chuck Resch was another fine hockey player who played junior hockey with Falcon-Rangers in the mid-1930's and one of the early all-arounders was Carl Franke who excelled in any sport he cared to tackle.

Baseball gained many outstanding amateur players from St. Joseph's.

Marty Kokran, who was an amateur fighter of note, was a catcher in senior baseball's halcyon days of Wesley Park. Johnny Waks, known as "Fungo" to this contemporaries (a fungo is a special bat used to knock fly-balls to outfielders in practise) starred for many years in senior baseball and like many other St. Joseph's men was active in ten-pin bowling circles. John's sons, Charlie and Frank also were outstanding hockey players. Joe Traeger has remained active in baseball as an umpire. Affectionately known as "Fat" Joe did a lot of work in junior baseball after retiring from active competition as a player.

Frank Hutter was another baseballer who is well-remembered and the parish No. 1 baseball man has to be Cornelius (Curly) Haas who has never lost this enthusiasm for his favorite game. Curly was a catcher but he may have been a better manager. In the post-war years he has played a major role in keeping sand-lot baseball alive in all divisions and had a whirl in the short-lived Mandak pro

league as manager of Elmwook Giants and later Brandon Greys. Curly was a kingpin in Pan-American Games' baseball operations this past summer and his great interest in sports, especially those enjoyed by children, plus his unfailing generosity, has reflected most favorably on St. Joseph's church.

George Prost, dapper and polished and now a West Kildonan hotelman, sparked St. Joseph's place in the old Ward Three Community Softball league of the 1930's. George is known as one of Greater Winnipeg's outstanding sportsmen and is active in many sporting pursuits, particularly those involving youngsters, as well as curling.

In Catholic hockey, St. Joseph's won the league title in 1942 and 1944 under the management of Curly Haas.

Space and time for research does not permit the inclusion of other names of St. Joe's men who were active in sports, but the old-timers of the parish will remember them well.

Kolpingsfamilie

ST. JOSEPH WINNIPEG



Nach der Gründungsversammlung

Es war am Feste Christi Himmelfahrt, am 19. Mai 1955, als vier Neueinwanderer in Winnipeg dem Pfarrer der St. Joseph's Gemeinde nach der Abendmesse ihr Anliegen, die Gruendung einer Kolpingsfamilie, vortrugen. Diese 4 jungen Maenner, unter der Fuehrung von Emil Freidel, haben die Gruendungsversammlung fuer den 8. Juni 1955 in der oberen Halle von St. Joseph festgesetzt. Ausser den beiden Geistlichen P. Plischke und P. Wagner, fanden sich ausser Emil Freidel noch weitere 11 Kolpingsbrueder und Freunde ein. Heinrich Kuelker; Joseph Kohle; Johannes Haas; Hermann Moche; Guenter Vetter; Anton Gerstner; Peter Geib; Paul Zurrin; Erwin Moench; Bernhard Czayka; Kurt Raabe. Nach einleitenden Worten von Pater Plischke, hielt Kolpingsbruder Emil Freidel ein ausfuehrliches Referat ueber den Gesellenvater, Adolf Kolping und sein Werk. Nachdem Pater Plischke das ehrenvolle Amt des Praeses uebernommen hatte, wurde folgender Vorstand gewaehlt: Senior: Emil Freidel; Kassierer: Heinrich Kuelker; Schriftfuehrer: Johannes Haas. Mit dem Kolpingslied fand die Gruendungsversammlung ihren Abschluss. Die Monate gingen in's Land und die junge Kolpingsfamilie erweiterte ihre Mitgliederzahl durch staendig nach Winnipeg einreisende Neueinwanderer, von denen viele natuerlich Winnipeg nur als erste Heimat betrachtet haben und heute in manch anderer Kolpingsfamilie Canadas ihren Wirkungskreis gefunden haben.

Am 11. September 1955 stand das erste oeffentliche Auftreten der Kolpingsfamilie Winnipeg im Zeichen der Bannerweihe. Die St. Josephs-Kirche war bis auf den letzten Platz gefuehlt, als 4 weissgekleidete Maedchen die beiden Banner der Kolpingsfamilie zum Altare trugen.

Nach der Weihe durch Pater Plischke, uebergaben die Maedchen die Banner der jungen Kolpingsfamilie. In ergreifenden Worten, hielt der Festprediger, Pater Wagner, in deutscher und englischer Sprache die Ansprache. Er verstand es, durch seine Worte die Herzen seiner Zuhoeer zu erwaermen. Mit Begeisterung sangen die Kolpingssoehne am Schluss der Feier das Kolpingsgrablied. Anschliessend war gemeinsames Fruehstueck und Aufnahme von acht neuen Mitgliedern. Der Seelsorger der Neueinwanderer, Pater Warnke, gab der jungen Kolpingsfamilie einige Mahnworte mit auf den Weg, dass sie nicht auf

Quantitaet, sondern auf Quaaitaet schauen sollten. Dem Senior, Emil Freidel, dankte er fuer die Gruendung der Kolpingsfamilie, von der er hoffe, dass sie auch den Seelsorgern einen Teil ihrer schweren Arbeit abnehmen.

Es war ein erfreuliches Zeichen, dass alle vier Priester, Patres Plischke, Wagner, Warnke und Pater Boening, Little Britain, sich sofort in die Kolpingsfamilie aufnehmen liessen. Am 30. Oktober hielt die Kolpingsfamilie Winnipeg die ganze Nacht hindurch die "Ewige Anbetung". Am 6. Dezember war Kolpinggedenktag mit einer schlichten Advents und Nikolausfeier. Am 11. Dezember fand die kirchliche Feier mit Neuaufnahme statt. Es wurden 6 Neumitglieder aufgenommen, darunter zwei Canadier. Damit erhaelt die Kolpingsfamilie Winnipeg immer mehr internationalen Charakter, sodass si schon jetzt gezwungen ist, ihre Versammlungen zweisprachig zu halten. Der Mitgliederbestand betraegt nunmehr 32.

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Das neue Jahr sah die Kolpingsfamilie in ihrer ersten oeffentlichen Aktion, im Camp Morton. Fast jedes Wochenende wurde mit irgenwelchen Arbeiten im Camp verbracht. Die Rasenanlagen wurden instandgesetzt, eine neue Cottage wurde gebaut, und andere Aufraeuungsarbeiten wurden von Koipingsbruedern geleistet.

Die katholische Immigration brauchte Hilfe, um Neueinwanderer zu versorgen, wieder war di Kolpingsfamilie zur Stelle, um mit Rat und Tat den Neueinwandern beizustehen. In Little Britain fand der erste Einkehrtag der K. F. statt, mit weiteren in St. Norbert. Little Britain war auch der Platz, wo sich die Kolpingsfamilie zu mehreren Vergnuegen einfand. Der beliebteste aller Kolpingstaenze bleibt bis heute noch das Schlachtfest, was immer als Erfolg ein ausverkauftes Haus hatte. Das letzte in der St. Josephshalle sollte vielen noch in Erinnerung sein.

Der 4. Dezember, Todestag Pater Kolpings, wurde als Kolpinggedenktag in gebuehrender Weise mit Gemeinschaftskommunion und anschliessendem Fruehstueck begangen. Dieser Tag ist auch fuer die Aufnahme neuer Mitglieder vorgesehen, ebenso der St. Josephstag, da der hl. Joseph Schutzpatron des Kolpingwerkes ist.

Ab 1957 wurden die Kolpingsversammlungen monatlich am alten St. Pauls College abgehalten, wo uns auch der Hochwuerdigste Herr Erzbischof Pocock die Ehre gab, an einer unserer Versammlungen teilzunehmen. Die Generalversammlung, die jeweils im Januar stattfindet, waelhte ihren neuen Vorstand mit dem Senior Paul Zurrin unter dem Praeses Pater O. Pauwels. Bei dieser Versammlung wurde beschlossen, die Mission in Ceylon zu unterstuetzen. Aktive Einsaetze sahen Kolpingssoehne unter anderem in der Berufsausbildung in der St. Joseph's Vocational School, bei Planierarbeiten, bei den Sisters of Service, beim Abriss eines Hauses fuer den Bau der neuen St. Paul der Apostel-Kirche und als Helfer bei der ungarischen Fluechtlingsaktion. Ein nennenswerter Geldbetrag wurde von der K.F. fuer das Welt-Fluechtlingsjahr gestiftet.

Im Jahr 1959 uebernahm Gerhard Eggert das Amt des Seniors fuer 2 Jahre und wurde 1961 von Gottfried Schaefer abgeloeest. Pater Pauwels verblieb im Amt des Praeses bis 1966, wo er Winnipeg verlassen hatte. Im Jahre 1960 war die K.F. Winnipeg der Veranstalter der 1. Convention aller Kolpingsfamilien Canadas, die nach arbeitsreichen Conferenzen mit einem grossen Banquet im Marlborough-Hotel ihren Abschluss fand.

Diel Generalversammlung waelhte 1962 Werner Mahler zum Senior, der im kommenden Jahr Horst Lemkels seinen Nachfolger hatte. Unter Horst Lemkes Leitung half

die K.F. tatkraeftig bei dem Ausbau des neuen Indian- und Metis Centre. Pater Pauwels vertrat die K.F. St. Joseph beider Convention 1964 in Vancouver. Der 3 Internationale Kolpingstag im Mai 1965 in Koeln, Deutschland, wurde von 3 Kolpingsbruedern der K.F. St. Joseph zusammen mit den neuen National-Praeses Pater W. Collins besucht. In diesem Jahre uebernahm Michael Ruf das Amt des Seniors fuer 2 Jahre.

Seit der Uebernahme des Amtes des Praeses durch Pater Riffel konzentrierte sich die Aktivitaet der Kolpingsfamilie mit Ausnahme eines Einsatzes im Catholic Centre, Portage Ave., mehr oder weniger auf die St. Joseph Pfarrei. In der unteren Halle wurde die Kegelbahn entfernt und damit die Halle wesentlich vergroessert, wo ueber 160 freiwillige Arbeitsstunden geleistet wurden. Das Schlachtfest, welches zugunsten der Building Campaign veranstaltet wurde, war ein voller Erfolg. Regen Anteil nahmen Kolpingsbrueder an der Durchfuehrung der Jubilee Campaign, sowie auch beim Choralgesang im Hochamt. 10 Kolpingssoehne und 6 Kolpingsdamen stellen den Stamm des Kirchenchores. Ebenfalls ist die K.F. von einem Mitglied im Kirchenvorstand vertreten. Bei der Generalversammlung im Februar 1967 wurde der neue Vorstand wie folgt gewaehlt: Praeses: Pater Peter A. Riffel, OMI; Vice-Praeses: Herman Moche; Altsenior: Bernhard Czayka; Senior: Kurt Raabe; Kassierer: Viktor Littau; Schriftfuehrer: Franz Rauch.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC MEN'S Sick Benefit Club 1902 — 1967

It was in the year 1902, Father Joseph Cordes, OMI assembled the men of his parish, and organized them into a Catholic Men's Society.

Plans were under way for the building of a German Catholic Church and School, and Father Cordes considered it was of the utmost importance to organize the men so that they could help each other and also help with the functions of the church and school.

St. Joseph was chosen as Patron Saint for the Society, and St. Joseph guided the Society through the lengthy war years, and during grief-stricken and tumultuous times.

The Society's Banner bears the following words: Faith-Love-Happiness-Work.

Early Past Presidents: Henry Waas, Alexander Rudel, Max von Amerungen, Arthur Banninger, Alfred Vonnegut, A. Wurtak, Frank Resch, Joseph Traeger, J. P. Kraemer, John Kelsch, Albert Mollenbeck.

Some of the early Chaplains and spiritual advisors were as follows: Father Joseph Cordes, OMI, Father J.B. Van Gistern, OMI, Father Paul Hilland, OMI, Father Joseph Riedinger, OMI.

The Club carried on its functions in the Church Hall on College Ave., until 1940. The Club rooms consisted of 3 Bowling Lanes, 3 Billiard tables, Library, Dramatic Club and at one time a Brass Band.

Quite a few good bowlers from St. Joseph's went on to bowl in the Winnipeg Senior Ten Pin League. To mention only a few such as: Carl Franke, Carl Schollenberg, George Kuntz, John Waks and Phil Heiland.

The Club also sponsored teams in the Catholic Parochial Hockey League in the late twenties. A Team in the Ward 3 Softball League in the thirties, and School Hockey Teams in later years.

The Club room was foreclosed in 1940 and the Society functioned without Club Rooms for seven years. It was then decided that if the Society was to again flourish, Club Rooms would have to be found. In 1947 the Society succeeded in erecting its present quarters, to which both young and old may look with pride.

An extensive modernization program was undertaken in 1962 and again in 1967. At the present time the Club Rooms are the finest in the City of Winnipeg.

If one were to total up all the sick benefit monies, the the burial funds, and payments the Club doled out in charities, to the church, school and other city institutions during the 65 years of its existence, the sum no doubt would run into many thousands.

On the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee we wish our mother-church, St. Joseph's, every blessing. Sharing the same patronage, may we ever abide in true Christian fellowship and prosper under him who was the the Protector of the Holy Family. ●

St. Joseph School

Benedictine Sisters

ST. JOSEPH'S School and Church were completed in the Fall of 1906. Prior to this time, the German and Polish people were together at Holy Ghost. The realization of a parish of their own was a source of great pride and joy to all concerned.

For the first year, there were two classrooms in what was then the hall and is now the church. Movable partitions made it possible for the hall to be used for concerts, suppers, etc.

The first teachers were: Mr. Peter Stadtherr (the father of Mrs. J. P. Kraemer) for the older group and Miss Cecelia Krause, for the younger children. Classes in each room were grouped as A, B, and C, and not as grades. At this time, Miss Krause was also the organist and the housekeeper at the rectory.

In September, 1905, Benedictine Sisters from Duluth, Minnesota, who were already teaching at Holy Ghost, assumed responsibility for St. Joseph's School. Making use of the stage, another classroom was added. The Sisters who came at this time were: Sister Thecla, Superior and Principal, Sister Bede, who taught the intermediate group, and Sister Loyola, the primary group. The housekeeper at this time was a postulant. Sister Bede had been teaching



Students, Teachers and Pastor of St. Joseph's School, 1910 — SISTERS (L side): Sister Philomene Neussendofer, Sister Theophane Altstadt. (R. side) Sister Martin Ethen, Sister Loyola Stein, Sister Sabina Flegel. PASTOR: Father Hilland, OMI (centre back)

at Holy Ghost, 1904-1905. The parish convent was not ready for a time so the Sisters lodged at the Holy Ghost Convent. Later, they moved into what is now the residence of Mrs. J. P. Kraemer, and which, at that time, was at the corner of College Avenue and Andrews Street. This house was later moved to its present site to make way for a corner store.

In 1906, a new addition, consisting of six classrooms, was built at the back of the church but only three of these rooms were put to immediate use.

Mr. Herzog, who had also helped to build the school, taught "notes and music" to the older children and at Christmas, 1906, this group sang the first four voice Mass. Mr. Herzog, with Miss Alma Sprangers as accompanist, also played the violin for many concerts.

By 1907, the school enrolment had reached 220 and some double-seats became triple seats!

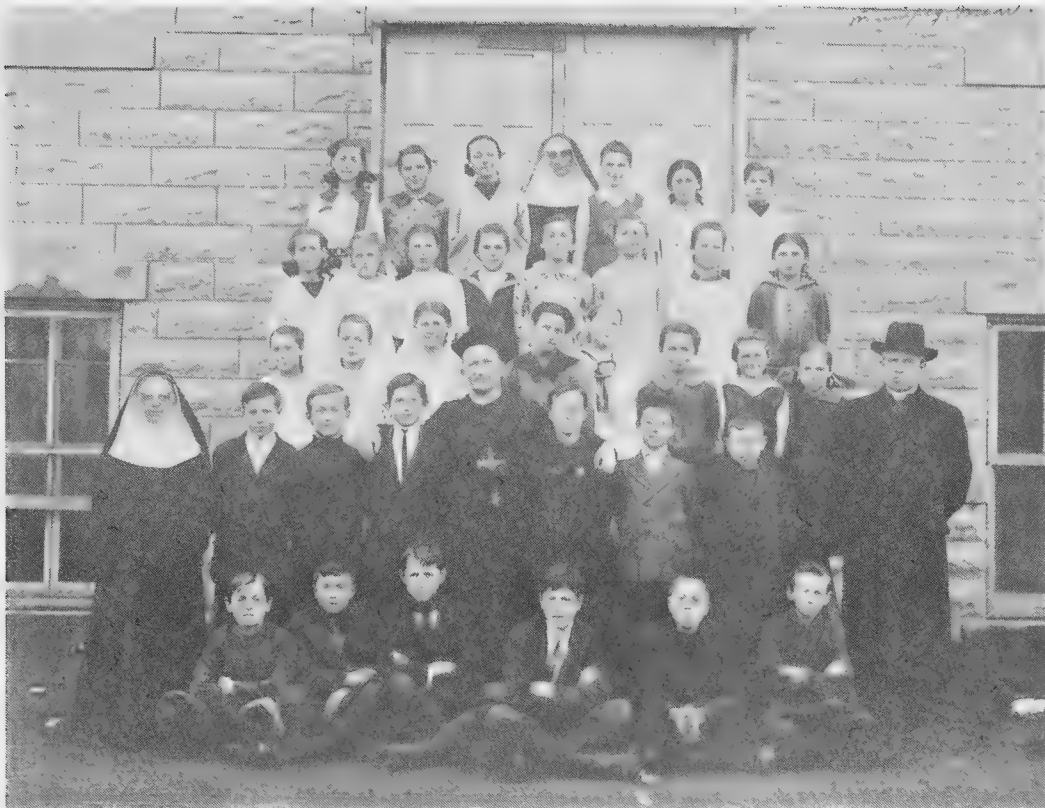
In a letter recently received from Sister Bede Raetz, Sister stated that, "Those by-gone days were very happy ones for the Sisters, in spite of the fact that they lacked many things. The children were docile, cooperative, most anxious to learn, and very appreciative of the work of the Sisters."

An excellent picture of St. Joseph's School in 1910, an account of an interview with Sister Bede, and a copy of a business statement of St. Joseph's "Mission" were very kindly supplied by the Benedictine Priory of Duluth. The statement gives some insight as to the simplicity of living and the economy practiced by the Sisters at that time. The salaries ranged from \$13 to \$21 per month for each but several donations were received. Provisions in 1910-11 and 1911-12 were \$31.80 and \$35.56 per month. Ice cream was apparently a luxury and was listed separately (50¢) three or four times a year. For having wood split, the expense ranged from 5¢ to \$3.00. Of interest to the ladies might be the fact that 4 pairs of gloves cost all of \$1.00!

One young lady, Miss Mary Wimmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wimmer, entered the Duluth community of Benedictine Sisters and received the religious name of Sister M. Placid.

At the opening of their last teaching year at St. Joseph's the teaching staff consisted of Sister Martin, Sister Philomena, Sister Loyola, Sister Sabina, and Sister Alfred.

On the occasion of his parish visit, Archbishop Langevin, OMI, spoke in glowing terms of the zeal of these devoted daughters of St. Benedict. Due to shortage of personnel, the Sisters were recalled to Duluth in 1912. ●



FRONT ROW: (seated), Martin Kokran, Alfonse Schoenthaler, Mike Kaiser, Joe Plischke, John Hornung, Paul Lang.

SECOND ROW: Sister Antonia, Frank Cherney, George Hutter, John Gurski, John Tauber, Father Hilland, George Altmayer, Joe Aesch, Father Habets.

THIRD ROW: Vera Resch, Margaret Ullman, Gertrude

Walter, Elizabeth Wurtak, Eva Schneider, Mary Schroffel, Anne Trager, Mary Runge.

FOURTH ROW: Kate Wimmer, Cecelia Yost, Vera Boni, Regina Sitter, Louise Hildebrand, Kate Spehr, Maggie Kolasch, Mary Becker.

FOURTH ROW: Elizabeth Altmayer, Caroline Jestadt, Freda Pulkert, Sister Ignatia (Superior), Rose Waks, Rose Stadtherr, Cecelia Herzog.

Ursuline Sisters

THREE COMMUNITIES of Ursuline Sisters from Cologne, Haseluene and Schweidnitz, undertook the joint venture of crossing the ocean to Canada, and on Saturday, August 31, 1912, arrived at St. Joseph's Parish in Winnipeg. They occupied the present St. Joseph's Convent at 530 College Avenue, out of which the West Canada Publishing Company had moved in 1910.

Those Sisters who remained in Winnipeg were Mother Ignatia, Superior, Mother Antonia, Mother Agatha, Mother Anna Katharina, Mother Clementia, kindergarten teacher, and Sister Laurentia, housekeeper. Sister Klara and Sister Notburga continued on to Windhorst, Saskatchewan, to open a school there. At this time, St. Joseph's School enrolment was 220.

In February, 1919, the Ursuline Sisters were obliged to

leave Winnipeg due to opposition (riots) to Sisters of German origin. Subsequently, the school and the hall had to be closed for a while.

With the arrival of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto on March 1, 1919, classes were resumed.

Although the Ursuline stay was of comparatively short duration, the impression of their excellent teaching and their dedication is evidenced by the loyalty and affection with which they are remembered by those attending St. Joseph's at that time.

In 1939, when Mother Antonia passed through Winnipeg, many of her former students arranged a reunion tea at the convent to honor their former teacher. This was much appreciated by Mother and enjoyed by all. ●

Sisters of St. Joseph

ON MARCH 1, 1919, the following Sisters of Saint Joseph of Toronto arrived in Winnipeg to take charge of St. Joseph's School; Sister Placida, Superior, Sister Estelle, Sister Angelica, Sister Miriam, and Sister Barbara.

The Sisters were met by Father Paul Hilland, OMI, pastor, and the children singing and clapping their welcome. The Sisters of the Holy Names had prepared a delicious dinner and about this gracious gesture the Sisters often spoke with deep appreciation.

The Superiors during the nineteen years stay of the Sisters of St. Joseph were: 1919-25, Sister Placida; 1925-32, Sister Saint Lawrence; 1932-38, Sister Francis Xavier and Sister Mary Charles.

In a letter recently received from Sister Francis Xavier, Sister states, "We all loved the children and parents and loved our work at Saint Joseph's. Our altar boys were our pride and joy, especially on great feasts."

During these years, Grade 8 Scholarships to St. Paul's College were won by the following boys of the parish:

1927 - John Altmayer, Frank Bessick, Constantine Schmidt, Peter Ullman.

1928 - Karl Resch, Alexander Heiland.

1930 - George Prost

1931 - Alfred Dawson.

In 1932, Grade 9 was added, and in the years following, the great majority of students passed with honors; this was also true of the Grade 10 students when this grade was added later. At this time all examinations were marked by officials.

To quote from the School Memoirs of Sister Mary Blanche, who taught at St. Joseph's, 1926-1935, "They were days of happy activity and fun. The rectory and convent were the hub and

we were one big family. The school day began with 8 o'clock Mass at which we sang, participated and prayed aloud, as we also did in May, June and October, at evening Devotions.

One great event was Sister Francis Xavier's Silver Jubilee in the spring of 1935. That was a parish day of rejoicing when the bells rang out for High Mass and many came to the convent in the afternoon to offer felicitations. In March, 1967, Sister celebrated her diamond jubilee and was feted by many of her former Saint Joseph's pupils. She served well because she loved much and was in turn deeply loved and respected. She gave herself completely to the task at hand, be it weekly skits or selling Tombola Tickets. Ad multos annos!

The annual bazaar was a day of rejoicing, especially children's afternoon, when everything was reduced to a penny and all milled around just having a good time.

What of the times when the Sisters would have the school lines in perfect formation and Father Hilland or Father Emil, in glee, would weave in

and out of the ranks! What havoc! What fun! God love them.

Remember the processions, rank on rank, with the boys marching proudly in red cassock and lace surplice, until the day they were married. We did not need renewal. We lived it then!

Remember the joy of final profession of vows in the chapel or when Sister Agnes Marie Altmayer pronounced hers in the church — and the Silver Celebration of the Men's Society, when the Sisters were served the same meal in the convent, even to the beer! We were indeed a PART of that truly great parish. "Gelobt sei Jesus Christus!"

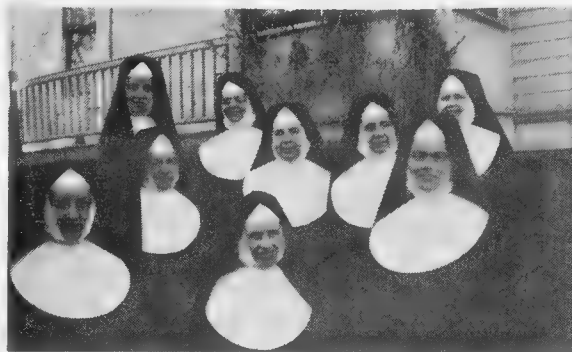
The following young ladies entered the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph: Sister Mary Paul Biss, Sister Adelaide Kolbe, Sister Mary Anthony Von Berger, Sister Mary Aelred Gerl, Sister M. Frederica Bradish, Sister Agnes Marie Altmayer, Sister Agnes Bernard Herzog, and Sister M. Attracta Schoenhofer.

For this nineteen years of dedicated service to the youth of St. Joseph's our praise and appreciation are gratefully extended. ●

Sister Francis Xavier



TOP: Sister Redempta, Sister Alfreda, Sister Yvonne. SEATED: Sister Francis Xavier, Rev. Mother Margaret, Sister Thecla. Kneeling: Sister Mary Aelred, Sister Marguerita, Sister Mary Blanche.





FIRST ROW (bottom) left to right: Ann Stenger, Ann Seidel, Sophie Resch, Alvina Langenfeld, Dorothy Youngmans, Evelyn Wallace, Mary MacIntyre, Mary Heiland, Lucy Seewaldt, Margaret Kraemer, Kathleen Gall, Katie Schreich, Ann Miller.

SECOND ROW: Vera Carewick, Magdeline Kloberdanz, Ann Kimak, Betty Franke, Margaret Creran, Rose Langenfeld, Mary Winters, Caroline Hrenchuk, Katie Peters,

THIRD ROW: Father Kelz, Fred Bortoluzzi, Paul Hildebrandt, Sam Fabro, Kuntz, George Resch, Joseph Moroz.

FOURTH ROW: Jack Hector, Victor Schmidt, William Krieger, Bernard Runge,, John Heiland, Joseph Rieger, Charles Lenius, William Lang.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION — 1932

FRONT ROW: (l-r) Madelene Opitz, Cecilia Stadther, Elenore Herzog, Sylvina Koch, Rev. B. Ueberberg, OMI, Genevieve Hudon, Cecelia Knoll, Margaret Gerak, Martha Giyulai.

SECOND ROW: Katie Kuntz, Hannah Schaeffer, Tom Komatich, Alice Pitton, , Vincent McGavock,

Paul Kraemer, John Bartoluzzi, Billy Dinnicol, George Kleyh, Paula Schaeffer.

THIRD ROW: Joe Stenger, Catherine Jestadt, Theresa Kimak, Otto Hinkle, Gerald Vertone, John Kloberdanz, Bill Montgomery.

FOURTH ROW: Frank Waks, Bill Komusiewich, Davie Vitt, Eddie Dirr, John Reiger, Mike Tauber, Frank Hans,



Sister on staff at the Convent and School at this time of Jubilee are: (l-r) Sister Francis Joseph O'Halloran (Grs. 7 & 8); Sister Gregory Viczko (Housekeeper); Sister Jerome Toner (Grs. 5 and 6); Sister De Prague Bednar (Gr. 9); Sister Armella Dust (Grs. 3 and 4); Sister Honora McCarthy (Grs. 1 and 2)

SISTERS OF CHARITY

OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

SEVEN SISTERS AND ONE CANARY

ON JULY 2, 1938, at the request of Father Bernard Ueberberg, OMI, the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception came from Saint John, New Brunswick to staff Saint Joseph's Parochial School.

The first group included Sister Mary Rita O'Brien, Superior, Sister Francis Joseph O'Halloran, Principal, Sister Cecily Enslow, teacher of piano, Sister Zita, housekeeper, Sister Laureen Fahlman, Grades 7 and 8, Sister Antoinette Fahlman Grades 3 and 4, Sister Clare Marie Koppes, Grades 1 and 2. At this time Miss Mary Rumpel, who was of invaluable assistance to the Sisters, taught Grades 5 and 6.

The Sisters were soon joined by the eighth member, who travelled from Edmonton, a German Roller Canary

who answered to the name of "Peeky". The musical accompaniment at Mass time was a delight to some — and a penance to others.

On August 29th school opened and all the Sisters were impressed by the friendliness of the children, their loyalty towards former teachers, and their respect towards these "strangers in a strange land." They were quite curious about the head-dress of the Sisters and two little ones were heard arguing whether or not it was made from the paper lining of a cookie box. (Confidentially, it was starched linen.)

On August 31, Father Ueberberg was delegated by Archbishop Sinnott, to receive Sister Clare Marie's final profession of vows in the convent chapel.

On September 11th, under the con-venorship of Mrs. Carl Franke, the

Ladies' Society sponsored a tea at the convent, to give the parents and parishioners an opportunity to meet the Sisters.

Doughnut Sale

IT WAS in September that the Sisters learned of the annual doughnut sale! The girls and boys vied with each other in getting orders and were most enthusiastic about delivering them, especially during classtime. The dear good ladies must have been weary and warm after their hours on the assembly line. Those students not eligible for delivering, due to excessive youth, (and the Sisters, NOT due to excessive youth) suffered physically as the aroma of fresh doughnuts tantalized their nostrils while they were trying



Grades VII and VIII — 1940. FRONT ROW: Merlyn McGill, Bernice Kuntz, Lorraine Baier, Sister Francis Joseph, Mary MacDonald, Dorothy Mattern, Thersa Ottenbreit, Theresa Kimak.

SECOND ROW: Charlie Kleyh, Wilfred Missler, Mary Trampich, Cecilia Knoll, Mildred Waslew, Josephine Ottenbreit, John Miklash, John Trager, Billy McKey, Victor Rieger, Norman Lang.

BACK ROW: Allan Knoll, Charles Sitter, Albert Kunderman, Willie Georges, Andrew Opitz, Lawrence Supeene, Kurt Strassel, John Waks.

to concentrate on "reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic". Incidentally, the odour of stale hot fat pervaded the classrooms for days following!

Country Store

COME NOVEMBER, the annual bazaar was next on the list. The highlight for the children was the COUNTRY STORE on Friday afternoon. The day before the children brought their donations of toys, jewellery, canned goods and groceries, and then tried their luck at winning them back! (It is regrettable that the Sister who won the green earrings gave them away. Who knows? Nun's styles ARE changing!)

The *sweetest* part of this event, as far as the children and denture-less adults were concerned, was the candied apples. The Sisters managed to get over to the old kitchen, now the nurse's room, early enough to start the fire in the old wood stove, put

forty cups of sugar on to boil and then race up to the church for Mass. In lieu of skewers, a luxury in those days and only used if donated, a crew of boys were delighted to cut sticks that might be suitable. (The odd one was so thick it would split the apple, and the latter had to be eaten; another might be too skinny to bear the weight, so why transfer it to another stick?) If you were chronologically of the right vintage (old enough, that is) you were allowed to dip and twirl. Many a mother must have groaned at the sweetened sweaters and tunics of her sons and daughters. The pay-off for the small fry, especially the little boys, came when the apples had been sold and the still "goosey" platters came back to the kitchen to be washed. The Pied Piper had nothing on the girls, as they were followed by a group hopeful for the envied privilege of scraping!

Early in 1939, due to illness, Sister Francis Joseph replaced Sister Laureen in Grades 7 and 8 and Father F. DeMong taught the Grade 9 and 10 class

until the end of the school year. In September, Sister Mary Rita was transferred to the east and replaced by Sister Raphael. Sister Agnetis joined the teaching staff and Grades 9 and 10 were discontinued until 1942, when Sister Anysia arrived from Saint John and a Commercial High School classroom was opened with nine students in Grade 9 and three in Grade 10. The curriculum consisted of a core of academic subjects plus three commercial options — shorthand, bookkeeping, and typing. Three typewriters were rented and during the next three years the number of students increased to twenty.

On September 8, 1943, Miss Johanna Schaeffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schaeffer, entered the Sisters of Charity and later received the religious name of Sister Margaret Rose. Sister took her teacher's training in the east and is presently teaching at Saint Francis School in Vancouver.

In the spring of 1945, Kenneth Emalie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willia and a Grade 6 pupil of Sister Laureen, won the Rose Bowl Trophy in the annual Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Incidentally, he was competing with students of Grades 7 and 8.

In September, 1945, Grade 11 was added and in 1946, the first graduation was held. Father Emmet Carter, then editor of the *North-west Review* and now Bishop of London, Ontario, was guest speaker and Father N. Feist, OMI, Pastor, presented the diplomas. Grades 9, 10, and 11 continued and increased in number to thirty-five. All three grades wrote departmental examinations at this time.

Sisters Evangelista, who had been Superior since 1942, and whose sense of humour may be remembered by those "around the corner", was appointed in the Fall of 1946 to open a new mission at Hanna, Alberta and Sister Francis Joseph became Superior of St. Joseph's Convent.

Beware of the Ides of March

EARLY in the morning of March 15, 1947, the Sisters were awakened by the nearby hydrant being used by the fire brigade and soon realized that Saint Joseph's Church, the interior of which had been recently re-decorated as well as the Stations of the Cross, was on fire. When it had been brought under control, the youngsters watched with unbelieving and envious eyes as a fireman *deliberately* broke a tower window to allow the dense smoke to escape. The first visit inside the school

area revealed that the classroom damage was not too serious but the walls of the hall were pitch black from the smoke. In the meantime, the old school clock ticked on faithfully! One boy announced triumphantly that he had rescued the big old school bell and had put it on the bottom shelf of what was then the Principal's desk and is now in the nurses's room. Three holidays were necessary in order to bring things back to a semblance of order but three months were not sufficient to get rid of the smell of smoke and burnt wood. The Sisters' cloaks were a good add for smoked goods commodities and all the bleach in Winnipeg could not whiten the church linens and vestments.

The 1947 Christmas concert was held in what was formerly the church and the spacious sanctuary served as a stage. This was during the "in-between" period, when the church had been moved to the present level but the arched ceiling and roof had not been yet arranged. It was a strange experience to have elves, Christmas fairies, etc. flitting around in the one-time sanctuary, but the closing Nativity Pageant brought things back to a more fitting atmosphere. The angels probably had a chuckle — if angels do!

Once the ceiling alterations had been completed and the roof of the church lowered, there was no more stage and therefore, no more of the many and popular school concerts.

For many years the Sisters taught Christian Doctrine, not only in vacation school at St. Joseph's, but also at Little Britain and Peterfield where they made friends among pupils and parents.

On February 2, 1948, Miss Frances Wirth, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Rudolf Wirth entered the Sisters of Charity in Saint John, New Brunswick, and for the past years has been on the staff of Holy Family Hospital, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. At present, Sister is completing studies for a degree in Nursing Science at the University of Seattle in Washington.

In the summer of 1949, Sister Eleanor and Sister Scholastica arrived at Saint Joseph's and remained for fourteen and sixteen years respectively and did excellent work in their particular spheres. Sister Eleanor, who replaced Sister Marie Katherine who had in 1947, taught Grades 5 and 6 for two years and Grades 7 and 8 for fourteen. During her stay, Sister won the affection and respect of her many pupils and their parents.

For many years Sister Scholastica kept the home fires burning and prov-



Grades 1 and 2, 1941 — Sister Clare Marie



Grade 5 & 6, 1943 — Sister Laureen



Grade 3 and 4, 1944 - 45 — Teacher: Sister Antoinette



Grade 5 & 6, 1946-47 — Teacher: Sister Marie Katherine



Grades 7 and 8, 1947. Teacher: Sister Francis Joseph



The sojourn of these six Sisters totals 77 years. ..From top down: Sister Marie, Sister Eleanor, Sister Agnetis, Sister Scholastica, Sister Anysia, Sister Mary Andrew.



1947 — K of C. Softball Trophy

FRONT ROW (l-r) Annette Schneeberger, Patsy Yost, Florence Lang, Rose Schaerffer, Rose Schneider, Bernadette Russell.

BACK ROW: Ted Creran, Mary MacDonald, Pat Baier, Margaret Leilner, Marie Martin, Bernadette Russell, Joyce Meaghre, Father M. Schatz, OMI.



PLAY 1951 —

BACK — Marlene Trager, Regina Weingartner, Linda Weidacher, Dorothy Kelsch, June Lang.

FRONT — Jeanette Lang, Joan Gafka.



Grade 9 — 1949-50 — Teacher: Sister Anysia



First Communion, 1953 — Rev. J. Warnke, OMI



Left to right: Sister Francis Joseph, Sister Marie Katherine, Sister Agnetis, Sister Thomasina, Sister Anyisia, Sister Clare Marie.

ed an efficient housekeeper. Her African violets won the envy and admiration of the neighborhood.

Water, Water, Everywhere — and Chlorinated Water to Drink!

AFTER twelve years of getting up at 4 a.m. in order to coax the old coal furnace to steam up in time for the Sisters' morning prayers, it was a thrilling day when a new burner was installed in the convent basement; but, alack and alas! The Red River decided to go on the rampage and most basements became indoor swimming pools on very short notice. When the water suddenly began to rise, and Father Feist was trying desperately to contact our much-in-demand plumber to rescue the burner from the floor, six or seven Room 4 boys organized a bucket brigade that bailed and carried pail after pail of water through the kitchen and emptied it in the back yard of the convent. Although every available paper and magazine was used to "carpet" the kitchen floor, the end result was a heap of pulp that had to be shoveled out. Due to the dampness, the chapel linoleum looked like the waves of the briny deep and due to the cold, the Sisters had to dress like Eskimos. The snowfall of the "The Black Weekend" did nothing to create a cosy atmosphere. Some of St. Joseph's girls who worked on the dyke paralleling Main Street, were among those present when a section of the dyke began to crumble and they were told to walk, but *not* run, towards Main Street and not look back. Meanwhile, the ladies produced mounds of sandwiches and the men, young and old, took their turns on the dykes. When the reading reached 30 feet above datum, Father Joe Warnke's comment was, "Bingo".

Father Feist's Silver Jubilee

IN SPITE of the fact that there was no stage and everything had to be "on the level", literally, the school children staged a concert in the lower hall. Anyone of the stature of Zacheus must have had a difficult time in seeing what went on but those who did found it colorful and entertaining. The children presented Father with twenty-five silver dollars to commemorate his twenty-five years as a priest, 1926-1951.

In August, 1951, Sister Francis Joseph was transferred to Our Lady of Mercy Home, Vancouver, and was replaced by Sister Marie from Holdfast, Saskatchewan. Sister Marie was Superior and Principal until 1957. Sister Clare Marie, who spent fourteen years at St. Joseph's, was transferred to Vancouver in 1952 and was replaced by Sister Mary Andrew, who remained for twelve years. Both Sisters are remembered with affection by those who had these Sisters as teachers in "the little room".

In November, 1952, by selling Christmas cards, newspapers and magazines, the students of the Commercial room raised enough money to purchase thirty new table type desks and chairs. It was an exciting and happy day when the boys were *literally* able to lift the old double Empire desks from their screwed positions on the oiled softwood floors and assemble the new desks in their places. From then until 1956, the Sisters, with the support and generous help of Father Pischke and the Church Trustees put on a drive each year and purchased single desks for all the classrooms. This effort of the children sparked the enthusiasm of the adults and the Parochial Society, through Bingo Games, began a much-needed renovation program which included tiling of the floors, plywood covering for the class-



Linda Binda, Connie Donal
May Procession, 1960



Doreen Smith
K. of C. Essay Award, 1962



Kenneth Emslie
K of C. Oratorical Trophy - 1963



FRONT ROW: Kathy Marce, Cathy Rosin, Anna Maria Pongracz, Cathy Sing, Sandra Woods.

SECOND ROW: James Kraemer, Hans Gerscher, Lloyd Sawatsky, Deidre Houston, Maureen Lumsden, Ricky Binda, Paul Lev, Caroline Hemmerling, Clare Lang, Anna Rocha, Gregory Komatich, Richard Sapacz.

THIRD ROW: Oscar Lakatos, Les Kurdydyk, Kenny Sitter, Jocelyn Houston, Petra Kreger, Monica Backe, Cathy Ford, Connie Sawatsky, Barbara Vitt, George Orlicz, Horst Backe, Joseph Halas.

FOURTH ROW: Lucy Sing, Teresa Wackermann, Marilyn Masek, Kathy Smith, Sylvia Halychuk, Rosemary Sturney, Dale Wall, Jacqueline Orlicz, Jonell Kokran, Jacqueline Marce, Gail Hemmerling, Trudy Prohaska.

FIFTH ROW: Silvana Harrer, Nadine Dederick, Petra Schellekens, Josephine McCaskey, Helen Schellekens, Margaret Donal, Teresa Shoen, Barbara Martz, Teresa Lejko, Barbara Lang, Patricia Lejko.

rooms and new window casings. The men of the parish gave freely and generously of their labor in hours after work. This program was completed in 1956.

In June, 1954, due to the excessively heavy work load for one teacher, Father Plischke was asked for permission to drop Grades 10 and 11. This was reluctantly granted, as the commercial students were very easily obtaining and keeping good positions in the business world. A special commercial inspector from a business college commented on the excellence of the training of these students. The decision to offer a commercial course had been made after repeated requests for the same.

In 1957, Sister Marie was transferred to Holdfast and Sister Eleanor became Superior and Principal, a position which she held until 1963. During this period, several "round home" improvements were made. The convent lawn was sodded by the Parochial So-

ciety and Mr. J. P. Kraemer spent many long hours watering the new grass and making it a place of delight for all concerned.

To lessen the rigors of below-zero weather, the Parochial Society played Santa Claus and presented a clothes dryer as a gift.

The parish rejoiced in 1958, when Reverend Charles Sitter, S. J., son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sitter, and Reverend Leonard Schmidt, OFM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schmidt, were ordained to the priesthood. Both priests had, at one time, attended St. Joseph's School.

In 1960, Rita Coumont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Coumont, entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Charity in Saint John, N.B. Sister is now teaching at St. Patrick's Public School, Digby, Nova Scotia.

On April 29, 1961, the Sisters moved back to the chapel after two weeks of renovations. A new tabernacle was

presented by the CWL, while benefactors supplied several other items.

Regional prizes for all Grade 8 students in the archdiocese were won by Robert Strong, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Strong, and Maria Gyulay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gyulay.

In 1962, St. Joseph's was again in the archdiocesan news when Doreen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, was selected as the provincial winner of the Knights of Columbus State Council Religious Vocations Essay Contest by the Bishop's Committee. The award was \$100 for the individual winner, plus a suitably engraved crucifix for the school.

Sister Francis Joseph O'Halloran, Superior and Principal of St. Francis School, Vancouver, and Sister Eleanor Walsh, Superior and Principal of St. Joseph's School, Winnipeg, exchanged places and positions in August, 1963. For the former, this meant a return to familiar territory and familiar faces; to the latter, it meant leaving the same.

In 1964 and 1965, at the request of the Dean of the Faculty of Education, students from the University of Manitoba wishing to specialize in the Junior High School area, were received and allowed to observe and participate in the teaching program in Grades 7, 8, and 9. Due to the pressure of many new courses and texts, we have discontinued this policy for the time being.

We were very proud and happy, when in May, 1964, for the first time a Grade 8 student of our school, Gordon Kraemer, was chosen to be the Premier of the 28th Catholic Schools Junior Parliament of Greater Winnipeg. Gordon is the son the late Peter Kraemer and Mrs. K. Kraemer.

Scholastic Record

DURING the 1947-67 period, of the 282 students who have written the Grade 9 Departmental Examinations, 96% have been successful. It is interesting to note that the failure rate for the Province of Manitoba as a whole, is 17%.

The school is staffed by fully qualified teachers holding teaching certificates for two provinces in every case. Those not holding a degree are working towards the same.

In keeping with this Centennial Year, the Grade 9 girls organized a "Centennial Week" which included a Fashion Show for Grades 1 and 2, Essays for Grades 3 and 4, a bulletin Board Display of the Three Levels of Government, Grades 5 and 6; "Creating" of the Fashions, 1867-1967, for the Grade 1 pupils. A colorful pictorial display of the Centennial Symbol and booklets to portray the history of each province. This project was pictured in *The Winnipeg Tribune*, *The Winnipeg Free Press*, and *The Centurion*, official Centennial paper of the Province of Manitoba.

It was a novel and curiosity-satisfying experience when, upon the opening of school in September, 1966, the children and the parents had to learn the family names of the Sisters they had known so long under a religious name. The most amusing adaptation by one gentleman was "Sister O'Halloween".

On January 9, 1967, the Sisters braved the elements, the surprised expressions, and the good-natured ribbing of the parishioners, as they sallied forth in their "new look". The comment of one little Grade One boy was "It's a miracle! The Sisters all have bangs!" What a revelation to know at long last, the color of each Sister's hair!



GRADES 1 AND 2 — Sister McCarthy. FRONT ROW: Loretta Raez, Daryl Lang, Daniela Petriuk, Grant Binda, Frances Schnerch, Louise Lang. **SECOND ROW:** Sharon Gladu, Patti Blei, Michael Zabransky, Van Langford, Carmen Harrer, Kevin Smith, Stephen Sing, **THIRD ROW:** Wayne Sitter, Janice Schneider, Carol Ann Streilein, Arlene Schneider, Joan Hemmerling, Ronald Houston. **FOURTH ROW:** Ronald Langford, Frank Gerlach, Teresa Mayer, Ralph Backe, Joan Halas, Caroline Hans. **FIFTH ROW:** Grant Kaufmann, Wayne Streilein, Vicky Schnerch, Diane Kokran, Donna Gladu, Jimmy Lang.



GRADES 3 and 4 — Sister Dust, FIRST ROW: Richard Sapacz, Cathy Sing, George Broder, Richard Schneider, Wesley Tomchuk, Martin Sing, Gregory Tomchuk, Linda Vetter, Gerald Kraemer. **SECOND ROW:** Debra Lang, Kenneth Komatich, Allan Kaufman, James Hemmerling, Cathy Quigley, Lisa Blei, Cathy Rosin. **THIRD ROW:** Ricardo Zammit, Cornelia Schute, Clare Lang, Frank Schoen, Ronald Halychuk, Randy Streilein, John Hemmerling, James Smith, Caroline Hemmerling. **FOURTH ROW:** Anna Rocha, Maureen Lumsden, Grace Collingwood, Eva Urbanovicz, Claude Noble, Richard Binda.



Grades 5 AND 6 — Sister Toner, FRONT ROW: Eric Schertow, George Orlicz, Paul Lev. **SECOND ROW:** Joseph Halas, Gregory Komatich, Les Kedydyk, Edward Quigley, Edward Sapacz, Kenny Sitter, Horst Backe, **THIRD ROW:** Trudy Prohaska, Lucy Sing, Carol Kundermann, Geraldine Quigley, Gail Hemmerling, Theresa Kaufman, Jacqueline Marce, Lynda Hemmerling, Deidre Houston, Barbara Vitt, Gary Berger. **FOURTH ROW:** Sister Toner, Zlatko Curie, Petra Kreiger, Cathy Ford, Patricia Lejko, Petra Schellekens, Silvana Harrer, Cathy Smith, Sylvia Halychuk.



GRADES 7 AND 8 — Sister O'Halloran, FRONT ROW: Anthony Hacko, Oscar Lakatos, Robert Sitter, Garry Chapman. **SECOND ROW:** Jonell Kokran, Jacqueline Orlicz, Dale Wall, Rosemarie Schertow, Linda Binda, Barbara Lang, Monika Backe. **THIRD ROW:** Barbara Martz, Marie Steil, Theresa Schoen, Margaret Donal, Theresa Lejko, Jocelyn Houston. **FOURTH ROW:** Gerald Charron, Richard Masek, Raymond Forest, Arnold Wassenaar, Leonard Streilein, Wayne Gerus.

S.C.I.C. Statistics

It would be most remiss if we failed to voice appreciation of the fact that the Sisters of Charity have seven members in their St. Joseph's Ten-Years-and-Over-Club. They are as follows:

Sister Clare Marie Koppes 1938-52

Sister Anysia Murray 1942-56

Sister Agnetis Wolfe 1939-42
1945-56, 1957-59

Sister Eleanor Walsh 1949-63

Sister Scholastica Wingert 1949-65

Sister Mary Andrew Martz 1952-63

Sister Francis Joseph O'Halloran
1938-51
1963-present

Superiors for the period 1938-1946

Sister Mary Rita O'Brien

Sister Raphael O'Hara

Sister Kathleen Dunn

Sister Evangelista McGinley

Sisters who rendered valuable service for a lesser period of time are: Sister Cecily Enslow, Sister Zita Schell, Sister Laureen Fahlman, Sister Antoinette Fahlman, Sister Thomasina Siebert, Sister Sabina Thauberger, Sister Antonia Schatz, Sister Celine Goodine, Sister Marie Katherine Stolar, Sister Roberta Shea, Sister Ethna Marie McCarthy, Sister Clarice Bitz.

Each and every Sister of St. Joseph's staff joins in offering congratulations on this happy occasion of the Diamond Jubilee and our sincere thanks to the pastors, past and present, parents, benefactors, and the three caretakers who have been so very cooperative with the Sisters, namely: Mr. Karl Kleyh, Mr. Paul Schaerffer, and Mr. John Kornel. For these and for the many students with whom we have been associated, we ask God's blessing on the years that lie ahead. ●



GRADE 9 — Sister Bednar, FRONT ROW: Lorraine Gautier, Christine Vitt, Louise Forest, Frances Halas, Sherrin Scheller. SECOND ROW: Janice Kraemer, Erica Van Den Beuken, Louise Sitter, Mary Anne Hacko, Gayle Zelanko.

SPIRITUAL FUNCTIONS AT ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS at St. Joseph's has been an unforgettable experience. In "the early days", it meant getting the boys into their white cassocks, lace surplices; and red sashes on time, and hoping that the same could be done for the girls in their angel dresses. On one occasion, the assistant priest had to wake one lad up twice before the Solemn High Mass was finished but it was a gala occasion when any child reached the required age to be present at Midnight Mass. The singing of the beautiful German carols produced an atmosphere of hushed reverence that brought those present closer in spirit and heart to Bethlehem's Gift of Love.

On Easter Sunday morning, even the Sisters, accustomed to rising early, were awakened by the chatter of neighboring children on their way to take part in the six o'clock Mass. The girls, too, were still trying to banish sleep, to miss this occasion would have been an unheard of thing.

On First Communion days, the eyes of the older parishioners were filled with tears as the choir sang "Lasst die Kinder zu Mir Kommen", and the "angels" led the First Communicants up to the Altar of God. Holy Mother Church has since advised that this day be now an even more family event as the parents kneel side by side with their precious little one and bring

MISSIONARY ENDEAVORS

THROUGH THE YEARS, the children have sacrificed much in the way of nickels and dimes to promote the work of the Holy Childhood.

Before his departure for missionary work in South America three years ago, Father George Fetsch, OMI, was adopted by the children of the school. Since that time, many and varied projects have been carried out in order to send financial help to Father. The latest "do" was on Friday, October 27, 1967, when the Grade 9 students planned and successfully conducted a Bingo Bonanza. All rooms were involved and \$60 for the missions was the result. The Haunted House, Fish Pond, Sale of candy and drinks, plus Hallowe'en costumes added up to a day of fun for all. (Both the Fathers and the Sisters braved the Haunted House.) ●

Christ into their special Family of God.

The May processions of past years are a treasured memory, not only for those participating actively, but for all those who attended May Devotions and joined in honoring the Mother of God. At a later date, the Living Rosary, composed of the school children was the parish offering in praise of and in supplication to our Immaculate Mother.

SCHOOL BOARD



Father Riffel, Pastor



Mr. Michael Latzkitsch



Mrs. Paul J. Kraemer



Mr. Robert Schneider



"On the playing fields of St. Joseph's". Taken prior to the fire.

SPORTS AWARDS

- 1947 - Girls' Softball team, Knights of Columbus Trophy
- 1958 - Girls' Team, Knights of Columbus Trophy for B Division, in Track and Field.
- 1958 - Boys' Team, Knights of Columbus Trophy for B Division, in Track and Field.
- 1959 - Girls' Softball Team, Knights of Columbus Trophy
- 1960 - Girls' Softball Team, Knights of Columbus Trophy
- 1962 - Boys' Softball Team, Knights of Columbus Trophy
- 1964 - Boys' Softball Team, Knights of Columbus Trophy
- 1967 - Boys' Team, Knights of Columbus Trophy for B Division, in Track and Field.
- 1967 - Edward Crawford Trophy, top individual honor, Leonard Streilein, Grade 8

For the past six years, Mr. Wenzel Lev has given much of his time, interest, and encouragement to both the girls' and boys' softball teams. The pupils and teachers have found his cooperation of great value and rate him as an A-1 coach!

Our thanks to Mr. Earl Chapman who coached the winning team of 1960.

Mr. Allan Roberts, who has served on the PTA Executive, has done excellent work with the children in the line of physical culture. On one occasion, Mr. Roberts conducted a display of the pupils' accomplishments at a Federation of Catholic Parent-Teacher Assoc's. meeting held in St. Gerard's auditorium. On three occasions "Achievement Night" displays were put on in our parish hall for interested parents and friends.

Congratulations are in order to Father Stang who prepared the participants for the recent Track and Field meet at which they came out on top for their division. Former students of St. Joseph's, Bob and Gordon Kraemer, are making a name for themselves in senior-scholastic sports. At present they are making an all-out effort on the part of Sisler's "Spartans" to capture the football high school title. Earlier in the year, Bob broke a record in distance running. Congratulations! ●



Jacqueline Orlicz, a student at St. Joseph's School and Sister O'Halloran, principal of the school, discuss one of the exhibits in the Grade 7 and 8 Centennial project. Photographs depicting all the provinces of Canada are mounted in a pattern to form the Centennial symbol. Below are pamphlets, prepared by the students, on each of the provinces.

PARENT - TEACHER ASSOCIATION

ST. JOSEPH'S local unit of the Parent-Teacher Association was founded in 1960. On January 15th of that year, Mr. John Motz was chairman of the first meeting at which the following executive was elected: President, Mrs. Mary Halas; Vice-President, Mrs. C. Coombe; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Walter Noble.

Some of the objectives of this association as stated in their constitutions are:

- (a) To co-ordinate the spiritual and educational forces of the home and school in a program of Catholic child training.
- (b) To offer, through well-planned programs, information of particular interest to parents and teachers.
- (c) To encourage the maintenance of high standards of family life and create a greater appreciation of Catholic education.



GERMAN SCHOOL — A group of children attending German Classes at St. Joseph's School. Mrs. Joseph Reichardt is principal. We have altogether three classes. The other teachers are: Mrs. Anneliese Ackerschott, and Mrs. Erika Wattis.

The PTA has given important assistance not only by their spirit of loyalty and support to the Sisters but also by the many "extras" they have provided for the school. By means of membership fees and the proceeds of the Annual Valentine Tea, the following items have been supplied: text books, library books and the maintenance of same, sports equipment, science research reading labs, film projector, television sets, French records and tapes, transportation for trip to forestry reserve, classroom allotment for teaching aids, gifts to Grade 9 leaders, utility cupboard, centennial donation (\$100.00) for books of fiction, and on October 23rd, 1967, a new record player.

At the tri-annual meetings, the parents have an opportunity to discuss with the teachers any problems or the lack of them, regarding their children. Interesting speakers and films have formed a part of the program.

Spiritual Directors since the inception of the Association have been Father F. Plischke, Father O Pauwels, and at present Father P. Riffel.

Honorary Presidents — Sister Eleanor Walsh and Sister Francis Joseph O'Halloran.

Presidents following Mrs. Halas are — Mr. Walter Noble, Mr. Ray Halas, Mrs. A. J. Smith and Mr. Peter Streilein.

Convenors and co-convenors for the six highly successful Valentine Teas have been:

- 1962 - Mrs. C. Coombe, Mrs. Smith
- 1963 - Mrs. C. Coombe, Mrs. F. Malzer
- 1964 - Mrs. J. Donal, Mrs. N. Kaufman
- 1965 - Mrs. O. Lejko
- 1966 - Mrs. N. Wittman, Mrs. J. Donal
- 1967 - Mrs. A. J. Smith, Mrs. Prohaska

Present Executive — President: Mr. Peter Streilein; Past President: Mrs. A. J. Smith; Vice-President: Mr. L. Hemmerling; Secretary: Mrs. J. Blei; Treasurer: Mrs. N. Kokran; Membership Chairman: Mrs. W. Rosin; Program Chairman: Sister Bednar; Social Chairman: Mrs. P. Streilein; Telephone Chairman: Mrs. W. Halychuk; Book Committee Chairman: Mrs. J. Donal.

FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC PARENT - TEACHER ASSOCIATION

SINCE the formation of the Federation of the Catholic Parent-Teacher Association in March, 1960, St. Joseph's members have played and are playing an important part in its direction and progress.

The late Mrs. Mary Halas worked untiringly to promote and foster membership in this federation.

Parent Councillors have included: Mr. Victor Smith, Mrs. Mary Lang, Mr. Allan Roberts, and Mr. Thomas Komatich. Mr. Komatich has also been Vice-President and is presently active in that capacity. Both Mr. and Mrs. Komatich have given generously of their time in doing secretarial and clerical work.

Teacher Councillors have included: Sister Eleanor Walsh, Sister Francis Joseph O'Halloran, and Sister Jerome Toner.

Spiritual Directors have been: Rev. R. Durocher, OMI, and Most Rev. Remi DeRoo, D.D. Monsignor C.A. Empson is the present Spiritual Director.



A Valentine Hamper for the Sisters — presented by the PTA President, Mrs. A. J. Smith, to Sister Francis Joseph O'Halloran.

Mr. Walter Noble has served as Parent Councillor, Vice-President, and President and is vitally interested in achieving the following objectives, as stated in the Constitutions of the Federation:

- (a) To promote the interests and objectives of education in the Catholic Schools of Manitoba.
- (b) To facilitate the harmonious and effective co-operation of the Home, the School, the Church, the State and Child in the field of education in such schools.
- (c) To encourage the maintenance of, or the restoration of the highest ideals of family life and to obviate or mitigate the evils arising from parent or child delinquency.

Servers at a PTA Valentine Tea, 1965. Janice Kraemer, Sherrin Sheller, Lynne Smith, Frances Halas, Lucille Forest, Helen Schellekens.



SISTERS OF CHARITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THE RAVAGES of cholera in 1852-54 left many orphan children in the city of St. John, New Brunswick, and in other parts of the province. The Most Reverend Thomas Louis Connolly, Bishop of St. John, unable to obtain Sisters from existing orders, procured five volunteer novices from Mother Seton's Sisters of Charity at Mount St. Vincent, New York. With this nucleus, His Lordship established the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception. Miss Honora Conway, later Mother Mary Vincent, was the Co-Foundress and first Mother General. On October 21, 1854, Bishop Connolly received the vows of the first five Sisters.

To recall the beginnings of the Sisterhood is to rehearse the story of hardship, self-denial, and poverty which initial effort in establishing a Religious foundation carries with it.

From the outset, the Sisters threw themselves with zeal and energy into the work of primary education and soon schools were opened not only in St. John but also in other parts of the province.

When the Common School Law of 1870 was introduced into New Brunswick, there was a struggle to maintain Separate Schools. In April, 1877, a satisfactory arrangement was made whereby the schools became PUBLIC SCHOOLS, subject to the laws and supervision of the Board of Education, "since which time perfect harmony has prevailed." The Sisters teach Religion either one half hour before or after regular class hours and receive the same salaries as other public school teachers. In Manitoba and British Columbia only does the situation differ.

It is interesting to note that it was in the summer of 1906 that Father William Brueck, OMI of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, went to St. John to plead for Sisters to care for children left homeless in the west. After much deliberation, three Sisters set out for what, to them, was a foreign mission, and took charge of St. Patrick's Orphanage. Forty years later fire destroyed this orphanage and took the lives of five little girls and that of Sister Albert Marie Pilokowski, the sister of a former Holy Ghost curate. The Orphanage was rebuilt on a more modern plan. Four years later, in 1910, Holy Family Hospital was opened in the same city.

Since this time, the work of the Sisters has expanded to seven provinces of Canada and includes teaching, nursing, care for the aged, social services, and catechetical work.

The latest venture has been the establishment of two missions in Peru — one in Lima, where the Sisters will be teaching and the other in Chincha Baja, where they help staff the Doctor Thomas Dooley Clinic and do catechetical work. The Sisters have spent the past four months on an intensive study of the Spanish language and culture.

May many young people be inspired to work for the People of God in needy areas, both at home and in "the fields afar". ●



GIRL GUIDES, BROWNIES CUBS AND SCOUTS

FOR quite a number of years St. Joseph's Parish has had Brownie, Girl Guide and Boy Scout Organizations. Their aims are to assist youth from 7 - 16 years of age in the formation of character by encouraging them to be good citizens of their Church, country and the world. The program introduces them to skills which will help them to be good homemakers, introduces them to camping and encourages them to love of nature, handicrafts, and to experience the joy of giving service to others. The Brownies, and Guides and Scouts of St. Joseph's have done well in fulfilling these aims.



THE COST OF EDUCATION

IN 1909, there were nine Catholic Schools in Winnipeg, with an enrollment of 1,250 students. They were as follows:

Saint Mary's	320
Holy Ghost	300
St. Joseph's	270
Immaculate Conception	160
Ruthenian	120
Sacred Heart	80

On the basis of records on hand, the total enrollment of children in St. Joseph's School was 10,500, over a period

of 60 years. Allowing for the fluctuation of dollar values, if we assume the cost per child per year to be \$100 for education, the total cost to us was \$1,050,000.00. In the year 1966, in the Province of Alberta, the cost of education of one child in one year amounted to \$237 for salaries alone. The total cost per child per year, including capital expenses, etc., was 409.00

Meanwhile, 90% of all Canadian citizens live under a Separate School System. That Catholic citizens have rights in Canada has been settled long ago. *It's about time Manitoba smartens up!*

UNDER the inspiration and leadership of Rev. G. Fetsch, OMI, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine was organized. Meetings were held approximately once a month beginning in 1962,

The Fishers included: W. Noble, W. Lev, T. Komatich, R. Schneider, L. Hemmerling, J. Hemmerling, R. Behnke, Joseph Schmidt.

Chairman, P. Lang; Co-Chairman, C. Haas; Secretary, R. Behnke; Homes contacted, W. Lev, T. Komatich; Car Pools, L. Hemmerling, chairman, F. Prost, W. Lev, J. Hemmerling.

First CCD classes were begun in 1963-64. The first teachers were: R. Schneider, Sister McCarthy, Charlotte Novak, Sister Dust, Carol Currie, Wm. Olson, Erika Zimmerman, June Numalyk, Sister Toner, Heather Schmidt, Mr. L. Hemmerling, Maureen Korosil, Teresa Pfeifer, Rose Zimmerman, Sister Bednar.

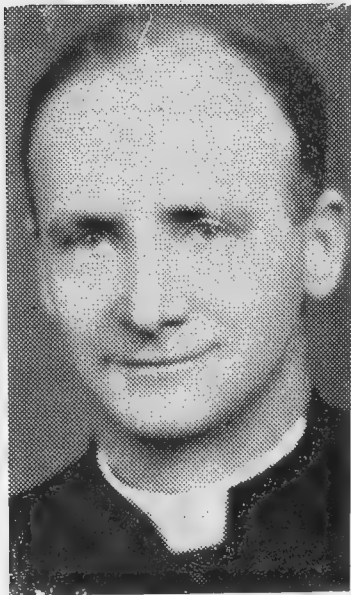
The number of pupils attending were: 141

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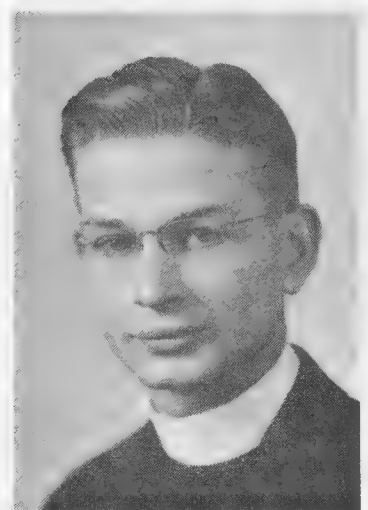
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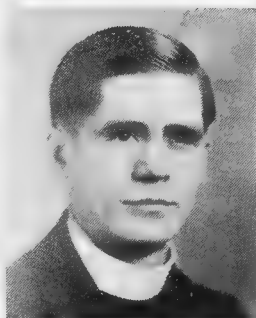
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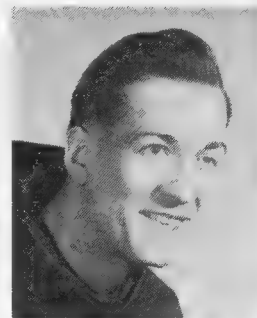
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11. Sister Mary Aelred Gerl
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13. Sister Adelaide Kolbe

NB: There are a number of other Sisters from St. Joseph's Parish. Unfortunately their photos were not available at press time.



PAPAL AWARD

Raised in St. Joseph's Church and School, Mr. George Sitter was awarded the Cross "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" on December 4, 1966. He served as a Church Trustee for 12 years. For ten years he has worked with the Manitoba Home for Boys. His whole career has been one of service to his Church and fellow man.

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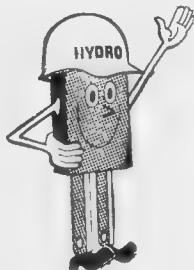
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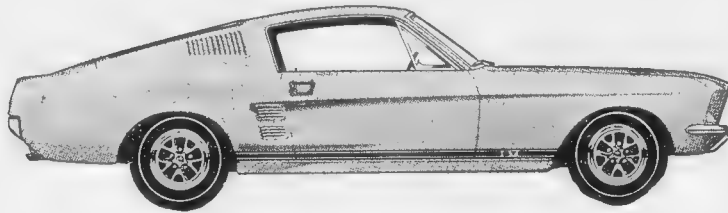
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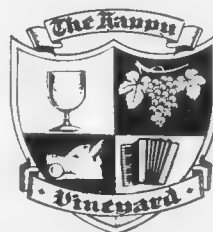
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